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1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
2 on the record. My name is Catherine  
3 Smalfus. I am a videographer for Golkow  
4 technologies. Today's date is  
5 January 18th, 2010, and the time is  
6 9:06 a.m. This deposition is being held  
7 in Wayne, New Jersey, In Re: Digitek  
8 Products Liability Litigation, for the  
9 United States District Court for the  
10 Southern District of West Virginia. The  
11 deponent is Phyllis A. Lambridis.

12 Will counsel please identify  
13 themselves.

14 MR. BLIZZARD: My name is Ed  
15 Blizzard. My law firm is called  
16 Blizzard, McCarthy & Nabers. It's  
17 located in Houston, Texas. And I'm here  
18 on behalf of Ms. Kelch and her family as  
19 well as other plaintiffs and as well as a  
20 member of the Plaintiffs' Steering  
21 Committee for the MDL.

22 MS. BRUERA: I'm Sofia Bruera.  
23 And I'm from Blizzard, McCarthy & Nabers,  
24 and I'm here on behalf of plaintiffs.

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1 MR. PETTIT: Jim Pettit, Locks  
2 Law Firm, for various plaintiffs in  
3 New Jersey and as a member of the PSC.

4 MR. MILLER: Pete Miller from  
5 The Miller Firm here on behalf of  
6 plaintiffs.

7 MS. CARTER: Meghan Carter from  
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9 MR. MAZEY: Zack Mazey with  
10 Allen Guthrie & Thomas, Actavis liaison  
11 counsel in the MDL.

12 MS. AHERN: I'm Hunter Ahern  
13 from Shook Hardy & Bacon on behalf of  
14 Mylan defendants.

15 MR. ANDERTON: Michael Anderton  
16 with Tucker Ellis & West on behalf of the  
17 Actavis defendants.

18 MR. DEAN: And Richard Dean  
19 with Tucker Ellis & West in Cleveland on  
20 behalf of the Actavis defendants.

21 And let me just note briefly  
22 for the record that I certainly have no  
23 objection to Mr. Pettit or Mr. Miller  
24 asking questions in their role as members

1 of the plaintiffs' liaison committee in  
2 the Multidistrict Litigation. But the  
3 deposition was not cross-noticed at all  
4 in the New Jersey State cases, and  
5 Mr. Miller's notice in the Philadelphia  
6 cases is null and void on its face.

7 But, as I say, I have no  
8 objection to either of them asking  
9 questions in their role on the  
10 Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

11 MR. MILLER: I'd like a little  
12 more clarification on how you feel the  
13 Philadelphia notice is null and void.

14 MR. DEAN: You can look at it  
15 and you can tell. So let's go ahead with  
16 the deposition.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The court  
18 reporter is Kim Overwise, and she will  
19 now swear in the witness.

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1                   ...PHYLLIS A. LAMBRIDIS, after  
2           having been duly sworn, was examined and  
3           testified as follows:

4       BY MR. BLIZZARD:

5           Q     Tell us your full name, please.

6           A     Phyllis Ann Lambridis.

7           Q     And where do you live,

8       Ms. Lambridis?

9           A     19 Braemar Drive in Wayne, New  
10       Jersey.

11          Q     Were you employed by Actavis at one  
12       point in time?

13          A     Yes, I was.

14          Q     During what period of time were you  
15       employed by Actavis?

16          A     From September 2007 until  
17       December 1st, 2008.

18          Q     Have you ever given a deposition  
19       before?

20          A     Yes, I have.

21          Q     On how many occasions?

22          A     Twice.

23          Q     What kind of cases?

24          A     One was a divorce proceeding. And

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1 one was with another job-related matter.

2 Q What job did you hold when you gave  
3 the deposition in connection with a  
4 job-related matter?

5 A Project manager.

6 Q For what company?

7 A Barr Laboratories.

8 Q And what year was that that you gave  
9 a deposition for Barr Laboratories?

10 A 1992.

11 Q So has it been a while since you've  
12 given sworn testimony in a deposition?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Have you had a chance to talk to the  
15 lawyers for Actavis, and have they  
16 reintroduced you to the concept of giving  
17 sworn testimony in a deposition?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So you understand that you're under  
20 oath here today?

21 A Yes.

22 Q You understand that you're required  
23 by the oath that you've taken to tell the  
24 truth?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q You understand that I'm going to be  
3 asking you questions during the day; and if  
4 you don't understand one of my questions, you  
5 should tell me that you don't understand it  
6 and I'll try to repeat it or rephrase it so  
7 that at the end of the day we can be assured  
8 that we have accurate testimony from you in  
9 response to questions that you understood?

10 A Yes.

11 Q I'll try not to talk over your  
12 answers if you'll try to wait until I finish  
13 my questions. Although I grew up in  
14 Philadelphia, I've been in the south long  
15 enough that I talk kind of slow. And  
16 sometimes I don't quickly finish my question.  
17 So if you'll wait, be patient with me, I'll  
18 try to finish and then you can start your  
19 answer. Okay?

20 A Okay.

21 Q All right. You also have to give  
22 verbal responses to my questions. You can't  
23 just nod or shake your head because the court  
24 reporter will actually write down "nods head"

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1 or "shakes head," but it's much better if you  
2 give a verbal response. Okay?

3 A Okay.

4 Q Are you represented by counsel here  
5 at the deposition today?

6 A No.

7 Q Have you had an opportunity to talk  
8 to Actavis counsel about what kinds of  
9 questions might be asked today?

10 A Yes.

11 Q On how many occasions did you meet  
12 with Actavis counsel in preparation for  
13 today's deposition?

14 A Three.

15 Q Could you tell me as best you can  
16 when those meetings were and how long they  
17 lasted?

18 A The first meeting was Monday of last  
19 week in the afternoon, half a day, so from  
20 about 1:30 to 5 o'clock; again on Thursday of  
21 last week. I'm sorry. I don't remember the  
22 dates. Same time frame, about 1:30 in the  
23 afternoon till 5:00.

24 Q Okay. Last Monday, I believe, was



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1 January 11?

2 A 11th, yes.

3 Q And then you met again on Thursday  
4 of that same week?

5 A 14th.

6 Q And then how long did you meet on  
7 Thursday, the 14th?

8 A Again, the same time period, about  
9 1:30 till 5:00.

10 Q And how about the third meeting?

11 A The third meeting was yesterday.

12 Q That would have been January 17?

13 A Correct.

14 Q And what time was that meeting?

15 A From about 7:00 till 8:00.

16 Q In the evening?

17 A In the evening.

18 Q Were you shown any documents during  
19 any of these meetings?

20 A One document, which was the redacted  
21 483.

22 Q Okay. The 483 from --

23 A Issued --

24 Q From what period of time?

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1 A May of 2008.

2 Q And that was the only document you  
3 were shown during the --

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- meetings that you had with  
6 counsel for Actavis?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What was discussed during the other  
9 eight to nine hours that you met?

10 A Procedural issues regarding the  
11 deposition; some of the things you mentioned  
12 to me just a few minutes ago about how to  
13 answer questions, to give full responses, to  
14 ask if I don't understand, ask them to repeat  
15 if I don't hear something; mostly procedural  
16 issues.

17 Some of the other items we talked  
18 about were my involvement with the Digitek  
19 recall and my interactions with FDA regarding  
20 that matter. That's about the majority of the  
21 discussion.

22 Q Okay. So the procedural issues  
23 about, you know, how to answer questions and  
24 make sure that you answer them fully -- I talk

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1 slow but that couldn't have consumed that much  
2 time, could it?

3 A No. As I mentioned, we talked about  
4 the issues related to the Digitek recall --

5 Q Okay.

6 A -- and how much -- sequence of  
7 events and my interactions and how most of  
8 that unfolded.

9 Q Do you have a good memory of those  
10 things?

11 A Fairly good but I don't recall all  
12 of the detail.

13 Q Okay. What do you remember about  
14 the discussion with counsel about your  
15 involvement in the recall and your  
16 interactions with FDA?

17 A I'm sorry?

18 Q I'm sorry. What do you remember  
19 about your discussions with counsel for  
20 Actavis where you discussed your interaction  
21 with FDA and your involvement in the Digitek  
22 recall?

23 A Just the decision-making piece of  
24 that and who was contacted and involved in the

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1 recall decision, what -- who spoke with FDA  
2 regarding the matter, some of the discussion  
3 that was part of the inspection that was  
4 ongoing with FDA and that interaction with FDA  
5 on-site. That was, you know, the details  
6 surrounding that.

7 Q Okay. Specifically what did you  
8 tell them about the details?

9 A Can you be -- can you ask me the  
10 question and I'll answer it? The question  
11 was, you know, who did you speak to? Who did  
12 you notify first? I talked to them about what  
13 was discussed with Erin, who was an  
14 investigator on-site, and then subsequent  
15 conversations with Actavis management and then  
16 with the FDA recall coordinator.

17 Q Erin is -- was one of the FDA  
18 investigators?

19 A Yes.

20 Q What was her last name?

21 A McCaffery.

22 Q And when did you first meet with her  
23 in conjunction with the inspection?

24 A The inspection began in March of

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1 2008, middle of March. I think it was --

2 Q And --

3 A -- around St. Patrick's Day.

4 Q And is that when you first met with  
5 Erin McCaffery?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Were you the person who was in  
8 charge of interacting with FDA on behalf of  
9 Actavis concerning the inspection in March,  
10 April, and May of 2008, and the efforts that  
11 were made thereafter to correct the problems  
12 identified?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Is there anything that you've done  
15 to prepare for this deposition other than what  
16 we've discussed so far?

17 A No.

18 Q So the totality of your preparation  
19 has been meeting with counsel for Actavis on  
20 three occasions and also reviewing the FDA 483  
21 that was issued in May of 2008 following an  
22 inspection of the Actavis facility at  
23 Little Falls?

24 A Yes, but I would like to note that

1 the 483 that was given to me, I only really  
2 read the first page. So I didn't review the  
3 whole document.

4 Q Now, before we talk about your time  
5 at Actavis, let me ask you about your  
6 educational background and your work history.

7 First of all, where did you go to  
8 school, undergrad? We can start there.

9 A My undergraduate was at Rutgers  
10 University.

11 Q And did you get a Bachelor's Degree  
12 from Rutgers?

13 A A Bachelor's Degree in microbiology.

14 Q What did you do after that?

15 A I was employed by Beecham, which is  
16 now part of Glaxo.

17 MR. DEAN: Excuse me, Ed. If  
18 it will speed things up, she does have a  
19 resume.

20 MR. BLIZZARD: Sure, that would  
21 be great.

22 MR. DEAN: However you want to  
23 go about it.

24 MR. BLIZZARD: Sure. That's

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1 good.

2 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 105  
3 was marked for identification.)

4 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

5 Q I've marked as Exhibit 107 a copy of  
6 your resume. Do you have another copy in  
7 front of you?

8 A No, I don't.

9 MR. BLIZZARD: I've already  
10 messed up on the exhibits. I'm going to  
11 re-mark this Exhibit 105 so we don't have  
12 any gaps. I'm going to put it up on this  
13 display device we call an Elmo so we all  
14 can read it.

15 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

16 Q I assume that your work history  
17 starts on Page 2 and then works its way up --

18 A Correct.

19 Q -- to the front.

20 Okay. So you were manager in the  
21 microbiology laboratory for Beecham?

22 A I started actually as a  
23 microbiologist at Beecham in the year I  
24 graduated, 1983. And then while I was

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1 employed there, I began work for my Master's.

2 Q And then it looks like your next job  
3 was at Barr Laboratories; correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q And Barr Laboratories, it says on  
6 this resume, is currently called Teva  
7 Pharmaceuticals; correct?

8 A Correct.

9 Q And it looks like you worked for  
10 them from 1987 until 1998; is that true?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And it shows, I think, on this  
13 resume that you started out as a manager in  
14 the microbiology laboratory and then moved up  
15 the ladder to ultimately a position as  
16 director of regulatory compliance; correct?

17 A Correct.

18 Q Now, did you get any additional  
19 education during this period of time?

20 A I started my Master's while I was  
21 employed at Beecham, and I completed it while  
22 I was working for Barr.

23 Q In what year?

24 A I believe it was 1990. If you go



1 down a little on the resume, you can -- oh, I  
2 didn't put the dates. I believe it was 1990.

3 Q So it was with Barr that you gave  
4 another deposition, you said, in about 1992;  
5 is that true?

6 A Correct.

7 Q And at that time it shows on your  
8 resume that you were a project manager?

9 A Correct.

10 Q Or associate director of quality  
11 assurance.

12 In what capacity were you working in  
13 when you gave your deposition?

14 A As the project manager.

15 Q In connection with what activity did  
16 you give your deposition?

17 A There was a court proceeding,  
18 US versus Barr Laboratories. And I  
19 participated in the preparation work for that  
20 activity, and I appeared at trial and then  
21 also gave a deposition.

22 Q When you say "appeared at trial,"  
23 did you actually testify at trial?

24 A Yes, I did.

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1 Q And this was a proceeding brought by  
2 the United States government against Barr  
3 Pharmaceuticals in the District Court in New  
4 Jersey?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And the government of the United  
7 States was trying to enjoin Barr  
8 Pharmaceuticals from making pharmaceuticals  
9 because they believed Barr was in violation of  
10 good manufacturing practices; is that correct?

11 A Yes, it is correct.

12 Q And you were involved in giving  
13 testimony defending Barr Pharmaceuticals?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And actually you have on your -- on  
16 other resumes that I've seen indicated your  
17 involvement in those proceedings; correct?

18 A Yes, that's correct.

19 Q In fact, you currently work for Halo  
20 Pharmaceuticals; is that right?

21 A Yes, that's correct.

22 Q And in the bio on the Halo web site,  
23 does it indicate that you actually were  
24 involved in the proceedings where the

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1 government had tried to shut Barr down?

2 A Correct.

3 Q So you worked for Barr from --  
4 ultimately you moved up to director of  
5 regulatory compliance; correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And then it looks like you worked  
8 for Schein Pharmaceuticals, which then became  
9 Watson Pharmaceuticals; is that true?

10 A Schein, yes.

11 Q And Schein, you worked as director  
12 of corporate quality standards, policies, and  
13 systems; is that right?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And for what period of time?

16 A From November of '98 until March of  
17 2001.

18 Q And then going over to the first  
19 page of your resume -- well, let me ask you,  
20 first, why did you leave Barr  
21 Pharmaceuticals -- Barr Laboratories? I'm  
22 sorry.

23 A The opportunity presented itself  
24 with Schein. It was an opportunity and

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1 actually quite a desirable offer. And so I  
2 had pretty much gone as far as I could in  
3 terms of career opportunities with Barr, and I  
4 decided to make a move over to Schein.

5 Q And then you stayed at Schein for,  
6 it looks like, about two and a half years?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Why did you leave Schein?

9 A Watson purchased Schein and roles  
10 and responsibilities were changing. And,  
11 again, another opportunity presented itself.  
12 I was -- when the company was put for sale, I  
13 started to look for other jobs and one came  
14 along. Even though I had been asked by Watson  
15 to stay, I decided to move on.

16 Q Did you not like the new management?

17 A Actually, that was one of the  
18 reasons.

19 Q The next time -- the next job you  
20 had looks like for Halsey Drug Company?

21 A Correct.

22 Q And that's currently named Acura  
23 Pharmaceutical; is that true?

24 A Yes.

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1           Q     And it looks like you worked for  
2     them from March of 2001 to April of 2003,  
3     according to your resume; is that true?

4           A     Yes.

5           Q     And your job there was, again, in  
6     compliance and quality?

7           A     Correct.

8           Q     And you were actually a vice  
9     president of the company and a corporate  
10    officer, weren't you?

11          A     Correct.

12          Q     What did -- why did you leave -- is  
13    it Halsey?

14          A     Halsey.

15          Q     Why did you leave there?

16          A     Halsey was a very small company that  
17    was trying to do a number of different things,  
18    actually make a go of it, so to speak. And  
19    they were financially not very stable, and  
20    they were not doing very well at the time.  
21    And actually the site that I worked at was  
22    here in New York and subsequently was closing.  
23    So the only one that exists right now is the  
24    facility in Indiana.

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1 Q In India?

2 A Indiana.

3 Q Indiana. Okay.

4 Then the next job you had was with  
5 Pliva, Inc.; is that right?

6 A Correct.

7 Q And what was your job there?

8 A Vice president of quality in  
9 New Jersey. That was the job I was hired for.  
10 And while I was employed -- Pliva was a  
11 Croatian company that had a site here in the  
12 US where I was employed. And then I was asked  
13 to go to Croatia where I spent approximately a  
14 year there working at that facility.

15 Q Did you again work in quality and  
16 compliance?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And you left them after two and a  
19 half years?

20 A Correct.

21 Q What was the reason you left them?

22 A Barr Laboratories bought Pliva.

23 Q So you're back to square one.

24 A I was back to square one.

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1 Q Did you not like being at square  
2 one?

3 A I didn't mind necessarily except  
4 that Barr Laboratories wanted me to stay in  
5 Croatia.

6 Q That's a different kind of square,  
7 isn't it?

8 A It is.

9 Q So you left because you were  
10 essentially going to be required to stay in  
11 Croatia for Barr Laboratories?

12 A And my job here was now redundant,  
13 so...

14 Q Okay. So what was your next job?

15 A Actavis. Well, I'm a consultant.  
16 Back in 2003 when I left Halsey, I started a  
17 consulting firm. So I did do some consulting  
18 in the gap between leaving Halsey and being  
19 employed by Pliva. I still have that -- that  
20 company is still active.

21 And I may be skipping ahead here,  
22 but -- yeah, I'm skipping ahead. But I went  
23 from Pliva to Actavis. But I just wanted to  
24 note, because it just reminded me when I saw

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1       that, that between Halsey and Pliva, there was  
2       a consulting opportunity.

3           Q       Thank you for that. I noticed that  
4       you actually gave a presentation at a  
5       conference in 2004 in which you were noted to  
6       be employed by Framework?

7           A       Okay.

8           Q       And so you actually did work for  
9       this -- for your own consulting company --

10          A       Correct.

11          Q       -- in 2004 between your jobs for  
12       Halsey and Pliva?

13          A       Correct.

14          Q       And then after you left Actavis, you  
15       returned and did some additional consulting  
16       work again for your own company named  
17       Framework?

18          A       Correct.

19          Q       So you worked for Actavis, according  
20       to this, from September of 2007 to December of  
21       2008; is that right?

22          A       Correct.

23          Q       And, again, for Actavis, you were in  
24       quality and compliance; is that true?



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1 A Yes, it is.

2 Q And then for Framework, when you did  
3 consulting, you did consulting on quality  
4 system issues and compliance issues; correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q And that's what you spoke about at  
7 the conference I noted.

8 A Yes.

9 Q And did you speak at other  
10 conferences?

11 A Yes.

12 Q How often did you speak on quality  
13 issues either during the time that you were  
14 employed by one of these pharmaceutical  
15 companies or as a consultant?

16 MR. DEAN: You want to clarify  
17 "speak"? At any conference or --

18 MR. BLIZZARD: Yes.

19 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

20 Q I don't mean speak as "I'm going to  
21 ask a question" kind of speak. I mean you  
22 actually were presenting to an audience at a  
23 conference.

24 A I would have to estimate about a

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1 dozen times over the years.

2 Q Okay. When was the last time?

3 A June of last year.

4 Q 2009?

5 A 2009, yes.

6 Q And who sponsored that conference?

7 A New Jersey Pharmaceutical Quality  
8 Control Association.

9 Q What fancy place was it located at?

10 A Actually, it was at the Ramada  
11 Inn --

12 Q That's pretty fancy.

13 A The Ramada Inn, East Hanover, on the  
14 Turnpike, Route 10, I think it is.

15 Q And what was your presentation  
16 about?

17 A Oh, my goodness.

18 MR. DEAN: If you remember.

19 THE WITNESS: I'm trying to  
20 remember the title and I can't.

21 MR. DEAN: Could you give  
22 Mr. Blizzard the subject matter?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, I can do  
24 that.

1 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

2 Q Sure.

3 A About FDA and some new guidelines  
4 and how to manage and use the information that  
5 you are obtaining in your facility to -- let  
6 me back up for a second.

7 There are new FDA guidelines that  
8 talk about how to -- what FDA's expectations  
9 are and how you can use the information within  
10 your own facility to enhance and improve and  
11 put continuous improvement in play based on  
12 information that you trend and gather as you  
13 do your job.

14 Q Okay. So it's about learning from  
15 your own experience, examining trends, and  
16 then making changes based upon those --

17 A Correct.

18 Q -- analyses?

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q Is that true?

21 A True.

22 Q Okay. So your current job is what?

23 A My current job is with Halo  
24 Pharmaceutical as, again, vice president of

1 quality.

2 Q Now, I've noticed that since you  
3 moved out of working as a microbiologist, all  
4 of your work has been in quality assurance,  
5 quality control, compliance, and regulatory  
6 affairs; is that fair?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What do those terms mean in the  
9 pharmaceutical industry?

10 A I'm not sure I understand the  
11 question.

12 Q I really want the jury, who may not  
13 understand how pharmaceutical companies work,  
14 to have an understanding of the purpose of  
15 your job in quality assurance or quality  
16 control or compliance or regulatory affairs.

17 MR. DEAN: Could we take those  
18 one at a time since there are four of  
19 them there, Ed?

20 THE WITNESS: They are all  
21 different.

22 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

23 Q Let's take them one at a time. What  
24 is the purpose of quality assurance?

1           A     Quality assurance is usually the  
2     group employed that does all the checks and  
3     balances throughout the operation, everything  
4     from sampling all the way through to the  
5     release of the product.

6           Q     Okay.

7           A     It also is the area that monitors  
8     the systems and gathers information for  
9     trending, et cetera.

10          Q     Okay. So that's quality assurance.  
11     What is quality control?

12          A     In most companies, quality control  
13     is defined as the laboratory operations that  
14     test the products, although in some companies,  
15     they use QA and QC interchangeably.

16          Q     And so what is compliance?

17          A     Compliance is a more broad term.  
18     And it really is defined differently from  
19     company to company. In most cases, my role  
20     was regulatory compliance, which was limited  
21     to FDA-related matters.

22                 The broader term would be compliance  
23     with every agency. So it could be DEA. It  
24     could be OSHA, et cetera. But for my

1 purposes, the majority of my role has been  
2 with regulatory compliance and FDA-related  
3 matters.

4 Q And regulatory affairs, the purpose  
5 of the regulatory affairs department, as I  
6 understand it, is to interact with FDA about  
7 FDA regulations and compliance with those  
8 regulations?

9 A Regulatory affairs typically  
10 interacts with FDA mostly out of the  
11 Washington office and is part of the drug  
12 approval process. So that group is typically  
13 interacting with trying to get new drugs'  
14 applications approved and not necessarily in  
15 the day-to-day operation.

16 Q Okay. Have you worked in regulatory  
17 affairs?

18 A I've had regulatory affairs groups  
19 reporting in to me, yes.

20 Q Okay. So typically the regulatory  
21 affairs group is involved in submitting new  
22 drug applications or ANDAs; correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And also making sure they comply

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1 with the regulations for keeping those  
2 applications current?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Which would include reporting of  
5 adverse drug experiences?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Now, with respect to quality control  
8 and quality assurance and compliance with FDA  
9 regulations and communicating with FDA about  
10 new drug applications and ANDAs, are all of  
11 those issues related to safety?

12 A It's one of the issues; but, yes,  
13 they all touch on safety.

14 Q And how do those functions of  
15 quality and compliance touch on safety?

16 A Well, I guess the best way that I  
17 could describe it is that when a new drug or a  
18 generic drug is approved, it's already gone  
19 through its review to determine that it's  
20 safe. And when you're working in the role as  
21 quality day to day, you're ensuring that the  
22 drug is manufactured in accordance with those  
23 formulas and procedures in that application.  
24 And you release the drug to market, provided

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1 that it meets those specifications.

2 Q And so how do good manufacturing  
3 practices fit into that story?

4 MR. DEAN: Objection to form.

5 Go ahead.

6 Go ahead. You can answer.

7 THE WITNESS: Repeat that.

8 MR. BLIZZARD: Yeah. Let me  
9 change the question.

10 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

11 Q As I understand what you just said  
12 is that a new drug is approved or a generic  
13 drug is approved according to a particular  
14 formulation. And so quality is involved in  
15 making sure that the company actually makes  
16 the drug in accordance with the formulation  
17 that was approved as safe by the FDA; is that  
18 right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Now, good manufacturing processes,  
21 are those things that have to be done to make  
22 sure that what is actually being manufactured  
23 is in accordance with what the FDA approved  
24 and is safe?



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1 MR. DEAN: Same objection.

2 Go ahead. You can answer.

3 THE WITNESS: Okay. Not

4 entirely.

5 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

6 Q Okay.

7 A Good manufacturing practices are the  
8 processes and procedures you put in place in  
9 your facility to ensure that the facility is  
10 run adequately.

11 Following the master formulas  
12 written is part of the -- is the compliance  
13 piece of that, but there are many other things  
14 that come into play when you're talking about  
15 the manufacturing practices. It has to do  
16 with everything from -- it's proceduralizing  
17 everything.

18 And there are laws written which are  
19 the GMPs; but they don't give you enough  
20 detail, and they don't tell you how to do it.  
21 So facilities have to interpret those laws and  
22 put procedures in place to comply with the  
23 drug regulations.

24 So there's the piece of it that has

1 to do with the manufacture of the drug, which  
2 is part of the drug application. And then the  
3 GMPs have to do with following the law.

4 Q Okay. These good manufacturing  
5 practices, are those standards set by the  
6 United States government for drug  
7 manufacturers to comply with?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And are those minimum standards?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And are the drug manufacturers  
12 expected to follow those by FDA?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Why do we have them?

15 A Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, which  
16 to make sure that drugs that are released to  
17 the market are pure, safe, effective. I  
18 should know it by heart, but I don't know all  
19 the phraseology.

20 Q Okay. Let me see if this refreshes  
21 your memory. Do you recall that the GMPs are  
22 to ensure that the pills being made by the  
23 company, taken by Americans have the identity,  
24 strength, quality, and purity that they're

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1 supposed to have?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Do the FDA regulations also require  
4 that the company have an effective quality  
5 control unit with appropriate responsibility  
6 and authority?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Now, you worked at Actavis, you  
9 said, in 2007 and 2008; correct?

10 A Yes.

11 Q According to FDA, during that period  
12 of time, was there a total failure of the  
13 quality system at Actavis?

14 A Can you repeat that?

15 Q Yes. During that period of time  
16 between 2007 and 2008, according to the FDA  
17 investigators, was there a total failure of  
18 the quality system?

19 A According to the investigator, yes.

20 Q I'm going to show you what I'm going  
21 to mark as 106 to your deposition.

22 Can we put up -- it's 543001.

23 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 106  
24 was marked for identification.)

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1 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

2 Q Do you have this document in front  
3 of you, Ms. Lambridis?

4 A Yes.

5 Q You can look at the document in  
6 front of you. We may be highlighting some of  
7 it on the screen. If you need to look at it  
8 there, you obviously can.

9 A I can't see it there.

10 Q But it might be easier for you to  
11 look at the document in front of you.

12 Does this appear from the title of  
13 the document to be an FDA Little Falls  
14 inspection closeout minutes?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And is the date of the minutes  
17 May 20th, 2008?

18 A Yes.

19 Q It shows who the FDA attendees were,  
20 and it shows Lisa Harlan and Erin McCaffery,  
21 who we mentioned earlier; correct?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And Erin McCaffery was, according to  
24 this document at least, the consumer safety

1 officer for FDA; is that true?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And the Actavis attendees included  
4 the executive chairman at the time, Robert  
5 Wessman, and yourself, who was vice president  
6 of US quality and compliance; correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And then also -- could you help me  
9 with the pronunciation? I think he's been  
10 referred to several times as Siggi.

11 A Siggi is correct. I believe it's  
12 Sigurdur.

13 Q Sigurdur, okay, Olafsson, who was  
14 CEO of Actavis, Inc.; correct?

15 A Correct.

16 Q And then it has Jeff Rope, vice  
17 president of operations, Actavis Totowa, and  
18 then Garret Wolan, who was the manager of  
19 compliance. Did he report to you?

20 A Indirectly. There was someone in  
21 between.

22 Q And there's a parentheses there that  
23 says "scribe."

24 Do you see that?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And does that indicate to you that  
3 he's the one who prepared these minutes?

4 A Yes.

5 Q If you look down to I guess it's the  
6 third paragraph, it says -- the paragraph that  
7 starts "Erin stated," do you see that?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Could you read that, those first two  
10 sentences for us?

11 A "Erin stated that one of the best  
12 outcomes of the Inspection was the input from  
13 the laboratory. Erin also said that from a  
14 Quality Systems standpoint, there was 'Total  
15 Failure.'"

16 Q And that's what you gave testimony  
17 to earlier; correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q If you look over to Page 2, do you  
20 see the paragraph that starts "Robert  
21 Wessman" --

22 A Yes.

23 Q -- "stated that they stopped  
24 shipping product from Little Falls and hired

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1 twelve consultants (PAREXEL) to review the  
2 products."

3 Do you see that?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So when was it that the company  
6 stopped shipping products from Little Falls  
7 and hired PAREXEL?

8 A End of April 2008.

9 Q So as of April of 2008, the company  
10 stopped completely shipping product from  
11 Little Falls and hired PAREXEL to review the  
12 products; correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And that would have included  
15 stopping selling Digitek; correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And also recalling Digitek about the  
18 same time; right?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And the investigators, it says,  
21 expressed additional concerns.

22 Do you see that?

23 A Yes.

24 Q It says -- first bullet says:

1 "Investigations on the 483 have still not been  
2 completed."

3 Do you see that?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Was there an explanation for that?

6 MR. DEAN: Excuse me.

7 Explanation given at the meeting, or does  
8 she have an explanation now?

9 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

10 Q Actually both. Was there an  
11 explanation given at the meeting for why the  
12 483 investigations had not been completed as  
13 of the time of the closeout?

14 A I don't recall whether that was  
15 explained at that time.

16 Q Do you have an explanation for it,  
17 independent of what was discussed at the  
18 meeting?

19 A We were engaged in the inspection  
20 when some of these things had come to -- well,  
21 there were open investigations that were the  
22 subject of discussion during the inspection.  
23 And the people that would typically be  
24 involved with handling those investigations



1 were tied up with the inspection. So we  
2 didn't have them completed, but they were  
3 subsequently completed.

4 Q Okay. Do you know when they were  
5 completed?

6 A Various different times because  
7 we're talking about multiple investigations.  
8 But from what I can recall, there was a  
9 concerted effort at the close of the  
10 inspection to complete those investigations.

11 And we completed those and all of  
12 the others that were pending that summer,  
13 going into the fall. So I would say by the  
14 end of August, those were all completed.

15 Q Okay. The next bullet says: "FDA  
16 does not have final copies of recall letters."

17 Do you see that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Was there a discussion of that at  
20 the meeting of why that had happened?

21 A Typically the minutes would reflect  
22 if there was discussion. So I don't know if  
23 it's in here at all, but I don't recall.

24 Q Okay. The next bullet says:

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1 "Recalls have not been issued."

2 Do you know what that relates to?

3 A As I look at this, it looks like  
4 it's a recap of some of the concerns expressed  
5 over the course of the investigation. So it  
6 doesn't necessarily reflect the state of  
7 affairs at that point in time.

8 Q Okay. So the bullet point that says  
9 "Recalls have not been issued," are you saying  
10 that that doesn't really reflect the state of  
11 affairs as of May 20th?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Okay. The next bullet says:  
14 "Health hazards related to recalls are  
15 delinquent."

16 What does that mean?

17 A When you -- when there's a recall or  
18 you're considering a recall or you are -- you  
19 have a product that may be -- may potentially  
20 be a recall, the company typically would look  
21 for expert opinion, which they call a health  
22 hazard assessment, as to the nature of what  
23 the severity of the issue might be. And in  
24 some cases, the health hazard assessment

1 will -- might even tell you that there is no  
2 issue. And it helps you to justify to FDA why  
3 you may not do a recall.

4 In this particular case, we also --  
5 companies would also do this because FDA is  
6 the final -- makes the final determination on  
7 the level of a recall, but a company would  
8 typically do their own health hazard  
9 assessment to try to work with FDA to minimize  
10 the impact of what level of -- you know, to  
11 determine what level, to talk with them and  
12 get their own personal assessment.

13 So in this particular case, we had  
14 done health hazard assessments on several of  
15 the products that were the subject of recalls  
16 that were in process; and they weren't  
17 satisfied with all of the content, or some of  
18 them were not timely.

19 Q Okay. So do you know whether one  
20 was done for Digitek?

21 A I honestly don't recall.

22 Q Do you know who did the health  
23 hazard analysis for Digitek if it was done?

24 A If it was done, it would have been

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1 done by the same group that did the others,  
2 but I don't recall the name.

3 Q Was that PAREXEL?

4 A No.

5 Q Okay. Then who -- was it somebody  
6 within the Actavis corporate structure?

7 A No. It was an outside party. And  
8 it was someone more engaged in the medical  
9 field.

10 Q Okay. So some third party, if a  
11 health hazard analysis was done for Digitek,  
12 some third party outside the company would  
13 have done it?

14 A Yes. And that is typically done  
15 through -- it was requested through the  
16 pharmacovigilance group at Actavis. So an  
17 Actavis representative from that  
18 pharmacovigilance group, which was not part of  
19 my -- part of the regulatory group, worked  
20 with the consultant. So I don't know the  
21 consultant's name.

22 Q So you also don't know whether one  
23 was done at all or whether it was delinquent?

24 A For Digitek?

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1 Q Yes.

2 A I don't recall.

3 Q Then the next bullet says: "That  
4 you put effective Quality Systems in place."

5 Do you see that?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And do you agree that as of May of  
8 2008, there weren't effective quality systems  
9 in place for Actavis Totowa?

10 MR. DEAN: Object to the form.

11 Go ahead.

12 THE WITNESS: That was Erin's  
13 statement.

14 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

15 Q Okay. Did you agree with FDA on  
16 that issue?

17 A Not necessarily, no.

18 Q Did you agree with it at all?

19 A I agreed that that was her view and,  
20 based on what she had seen, that she had come  
21 to that conclusion.

22 Q And she was acting on behalf of FDA  
23 in coming to that conclusion; correct?

24 A Yes.

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1 Q Do you see the next bullet says:  
2 "Get very nervous when you tell us that you  
3 are releasing product using the current  
4 Quality Systems (open issues remain)."

5 Do you see that?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Were you nervous -- well, let me  
8 stop you there.

9 Was there product still being  
10 released by the Little Falls plant at this  
11 period of time?

12 A As you pointed out earlier, the  
13 PAREXEL consultants were engaged the end of  
14 April. And at that point in time, we stopped  
15 shipping product, end of April. But after  
16 PAREXEL came in, they were reviewing product  
17 by product. And some additional products  
18 started to be released again based on the  
19 PAREXEL review.

20 Q And this -- sorry. Go ahead.

21 A I believe her statement here, she  
22 was referring to herself --

23 Q Right.

24 A -- that she gets nervous that we are

1 still releasing product.

2 Q And she's charged with making sure  
3 that US citizens receive safe drugs; correct?

4 MR. DEAN: Objection; calls for  
5 a legal conclusion.

6 Go ahead.

7 THE WITNESS: She's part of the  
8 organization that does that.

9 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

10 Q Right.

11 A As a consumer safety officer, yes,  
12 that's her job.

13 Q And then the next one, bullet point  
14 says: "Do not fix broken Systems - get new  
15 Systems. (I can't tell you what to do but  
16 start from scratch)."

17 Do you see that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q So you agreed with her that the  
20 system was broken and needed to be fixed?

21 A That's a very general statement. I  
22 think there were definitely systems that  
23 required some improvement. And there were  
24 still systems, I think, in place that were

1 working. So I would have to say I would agree  
2 perhaps on some of the issues and disagree on  
3 others. It would have to be more specific.

4 Q Which parts of the quality system,  
5 both quality assurance and quality control,  
6 did you think were broken and needed to be  
7 fixed?

8 A There were SOPs, I believe, that  
9 needed to be perhaps put into more detail  
10 regarding investigations and other things that  
11 she had noted that were obviously not the ones  
12 that weren't closed, et cetera, and some other  
13 areas.

14 I would have to go back and really  
15 look, but not -- when you referred to systems,  
16 FDA's view is there's six systems; and she's,  
17 I think, here not referring to the whole  
18 entire company. She's referring to the  
19 systems that she's looked at.

20 Q Right. And she's saying that  
21 they're broken and need to be fixed and you  
22 should start from scratch; right?

23 A That's her opinion, yes.

24 Q Right. And essentially did the



1 company do that?

2 A Eventually we did do that. We did  
3 assess everything, and we did improve or put  
4 new systems in place.

5 Q So you attempted to start from  
6 scratch, didn't you?

7 A In some cases. And in other cases,  
8 we borrowed procedures from other facilities,  
9 other Actavis facilities.

10 Q And you knew early on in the process  
11 of this inspection that FDA was not happy with  
12 Digitek and there were things that needed to  
13 be fixed; right?

14 A No, I wouldn't say that. The  
15 inspection started sometime in March. And I  
16 don't think the Digitek issue was discussed  
17 until sometime in April, so there was a month  
18 of inspection before Digitek was discussed.

19 Q Okay. Well --

20 A Approximately.

21 Q -- the inspection started about  
22 March 18th; correct?

23 A Right.

24 Q By April 9th, you knew they were

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1 unhappy with Digitek, didn't you?

2 A I couldn't say. I don't...

3 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 107  
4 was marked for identification.)

5 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

6 Q Let me show you what I'm going to  
7 hand you marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 107,  
8 which is 292438. Do you see that this is an  
9 e-mail dated April 9, 2008, at the top?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And is it from you?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And its subject is "RE: Memo to  
14 FDA."

15 Is that true?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And if you look down, can you tell  
18 what the subject matter of this is from  
19 looking at this e-mail string?

20 A Yes.

21 Q What is the subject matter?

22 A It's a discussion between Chris  
23 Young and myself. Chris was the head of  
24 operations.

1                   And the subject matter in the e-mail  
2                   says "Memo to FDA." And the April 9th memo  
3                   that I'm referring to was a document that we  
4                   were preparing to give to FDA regarding  
5                   actions we were going to take relative to what  
6                   was happening with the inspection. It  
7                   involved recall of other products, and it  
8                   involved -- what he's referring to here about  
9                   rationalization -- or actually what I'm asking  
10                  him to do is we were having discussions with  
11                  FDA about looking at our entire product line  
12                  and then streamlining it.

13                  So that's the subject of what  
14                  started the e-mail chain, I guess. And then  
15                  this note was my note again to Chris giving  
16                  him feedback on what was discussed.

17                  Q       Okay. So it looks like the first  
18                  e-mail is -- on the bottom of the page is from  
19                  you to Chris Young, Subject: Memo to FDA, on  
20                  4/9/2008 at 11:21 a.m.; correct?

21                  A       Right.

22                  Q       And it asks him to write a piece to  
23                  insert in the memo regarding the  
24                  rationalization so that we can take care of it

1 at lunch today; correct?

2 A Correct.

3 Q And then about five minutes later,  
4 at 11:26 a.m., you write another e-mail;  
5 correct?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Again to Chris Young?

8 A It doesn't say.

9 Q Let's look at the top. So what's  
10 the body of the e-mail at the top say?

11 A That's from Chris back to me; and  
12 that's his answer, yes, from the previous, so  
13 if you go backwards.

14 Q So Chris responds back at 11:22,  
15 about a minute after you send him the e-mail,  
16 saying he'll prepare this paragraph containing  
17 the rationalization; correct?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And then if you look, if we go up  
20 top, you then send an e-mail back to somebody.  
21 It's not identified here. And it says: "She  
22 is not happy with the Digoxin. I think it's a  
23 recall on that batch. She is not happy with  
24 inspection and partial rejection/release as a

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1 practice."

2 Is that what it says?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Do you know what that refers to?

5 A It refers to her review of digoxin.

6 And the second sentence is referring to a  
7 batch that she reviewed that was the subject  
8 of the investigation. And my view from her  
9 comments was that she felt the batch needed to  
10 be recalled.

11 And then the last sentence is  
12 referring to the activities related to that  
13 inspection, which was an inspection and  
14 partial rejection/release of a product, so the  
15 fact that a batch would be inspected and then  
16 only part of the batch would be released and  
17 the other part would be rejected.

18 Q So when it says "She is not happy  
19 with the Digoxin," that's saying that the FDA  
20 investigator --

21 A It's referring to Erin.

22 Q Erin McCaffery; correct?

23 A Yes, yes.

24 Q So the FDA investigator was not

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1 happy with digoxin; and you're saying, "I  
2 think it's a recall on that batch"; correct?

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q And then you refer to the fact that  
5 she, again being the FDA investigator, Erin  
6 McCaffery, is not happy with inspection,  
7 partial rejection of a batch, and then release  
8 of the remaining batch, part of the batch;  
9 correct?

10 A Just in general.

11 Q Right.

12 A In general, she doesn't like that  
13 practice. It's not -- I mean...

14 Q In general, did you like that  
15 practice?

16 A It's an acceptable practice when  
17 it's on an exception basis. So FDA doesn't  
18 like to see that as a normal course of  
19 business, but there are occasions where it's  
20 very much warranted. It really depends on the  
21 situation.

22 Q Okay. Was it warranted on this  
23 occasion with respect to the Digitek  
24 investigation?

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1           A       The Digitek investigation, I  
2       wouldn't characterize that as a partial. When  
3       I think of a partial rejection -- well, I  
4       guess it depends on how you define "partial."  
5       But in my mind, "partial" means, you know, you  
6       make a huge batch and you are rejecting a  
7       substantial amount of that batch and then  
8       releasing the rest of it.

9                   In this particular case, from what I  
10      recall with the digoxin, it was not a  
11      substantial part of the batch that had been  
12      rejected.

13          Q       Okay. So with respect to the  
14      conduct of the company on the digoxin batch  
15      that is being -- was found to be partially  
16      released and partially rejected, are you  
17      comfortable signing off as a quality assurance  
18      professional and a compliance professional  
19      that that conduct was reasonable?

20                   MR. DEAN: Objection; assumes  
21      facts not in evidence and misstates her  
22      prior testimony. I don't think she said  
23      that there was a partial rejection and  
24      release of any Digitek batch, as she

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1 defined those terms. Now you're asking  
2 her to assume there was.

3 MR. BLIZZARD: Well, let me  
4 restate it, then.

5 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

6 Q As a quality assurance professional,  
7 are you standing by the conduct of Actavis in  
8 handling the Digitek batch at issue?

9 A I can't answer that question. For  
10 one thing, I didn't participate in the  
11 activities related to that, and I wasn't  
12 consulted on that matter. And I don't know  
13 the details of it, so I honestly can't answer  
14 that.

15 And you make a decision based on  
16 information that you have and the  
17 investigation that you do. And a lot of this  
18 is a judgment call. I can't make that  
19 determination now without looking at  
20 everything and determining the details of  
21 that.

22 Q So do you know who made the judgment  
23 call?

24 A I know who signed off on the



1 investigation.

2 Q Who signed off on the investigation  
3 and made the decision to partially release it?

4 MR. DEAN: Objection to form.

5 Go ahead.

6 THE WITNESS: Dan Bitler, who  
7 was the QA director, I believe.

8 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

9 Q Okay. And so you can't say whether  
10 that was -- because you weren't involved and  
11 you don't know all the details, you can't say  
12 whether it was good judgment or bad judgment  
13 on Dan Bitler's behalf; correct?

14 A In hindsight, I may have one  
15 opinion. At the time, I would probably have  
16 another.

17 Q Okay. At the time, what was your  
18 opinion?

19 A No. What I'm saying is if I had  
20 been consulted on the matter --

21 Q Right.

22 A -- I would have more detail and I  
23 could make a better judgment call.

24 Q Okay. Do you have --

1           A     But I don't have the detail. I only  
2 know what was presented in the investigation  
3 report that was written. And I don't recall  
4 most of that at this point in time.

5           Q     So either at the time or in  
6 hindsight, can you say whether it was good or  
7 bad judgment on behalf of Dan Bitler?

8           A     I really find that hard to answer.  
9 And I'm not trying to be difficult. We're  
10 sitting here -- I'm sitting here in a room  
11 full of lawyers, so I wish that Dan had not  
12 released that batch.

13                     But as a professional and looking at  
14 a situation, there have been other cases where  
15 product has been released under the same  
16 circumstances and it's been fine and there  
17 have been no issues. And even if FDA may not  
18 have been pleased with the activity, there  
19 were -- it didn't result in what we're doing  
20 now.

21           Q     Who did Dan Bitler report to?

22           A     Dan Bitler reported to Scott Talbot.

23           Q     And who did Scott Talbot report to?

24           A     Scott Talbot reported to me.

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1 Q And Dan Bitler's job was what?

2 A He was the director of QA for the  
3 Little Falls site. And the majority of his  
4 job -- well, his job was all of the in-process  
5 controls, all of the sampling, the group of --  
6 the quality individuals that do the sampling,  
7 and all of the batch-related work up to and  
8 including the release of the product.

9 And Dan also handled investigations.  
10 He was part of the group of people that would  
11 write and approve investigations.

12 Q Was Dan fired after this inspection?

13 A Dan was let go. It was not  
14 characterized as fired.

15 Q What's the difference between  
16 "firing" and "letting go"?

17 A There were changes -- there was no  
18 cause. It was not for cause. It was a  
19 restructuring.

20 Q Okay. So who -- so there was no job  
21 left for him?

22 A There were -- the position was  
23 allocated to -- there were redundancies. So  
24 there was another QA director, and there were

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1 also people at other Actavis facilities that  
2 filled the role.

3 Q When was Dan Bitler let go?

4 A I honestly don't recall.

5 Q Who was involved in letting him go?

6 A I believe I sat in on that  
7 discussion. It was with human resources and  
8 with legal, as with most.

9 Q And what do you recall about the  
10 discussion?

11 MR. DEAN: Let me just caution  
12 you if there was actual legal advice  
13 given, you shouldn't reveal that. But as  
14 far as personnel decisions, it's fine to  
15 answer Mr. Blizzard's question.

16 THE WITNESS: I can't even  
17 recall the detail. Basically, that we  
18 were making changes.

19 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

20 Q Had you known Dan Bitler before?

21 A I had -- I knew him in terms of my  
22 visits to the site, and I knew him as he  
23 assisted with getting information for the  
24 inspections. That was the most interaction.

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1 Q What was he told about being let go?

2 A That we were making some changes and  
3 that we brought some folks from the Elizabeth  
4 facility in to help with lending us some of  
5 the procedures that they had in place and  
6 their experience in batch release, putting  
7 some new procedures in place there, and  
8 actually moved personnel from that facility  
9 over.

10 MR. DEAN: Excuse me. We've  
11 been going about an hour and ten minutes.  
12 If you want to go ahead for a few more  
13 minutes, that's fine; but when we reach a  
14 good breaking point --

15 MR. BLIZZARD: No. We can take  
16 a break.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
18 going off the record. This is the end of  
19 Videotape No. 1. The time is 10:17.

20 (Short recess.)

21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
22 back on the record. This is the  
23 beginning of Videotape No. 2. The time  
24 is 10:39.

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1 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

2 Q Good morning, Ms. Lambridis. We're  
3 back on the record after taking a break. Are  
4 you ready to proceed?

5 A Yes.

6 MR. DEAN: Excuse me. Can we  
7 get the appearance here?

8 MR. TRAMMELL: Fletch Trammell  
9 for plaintiffs.

10 MR. DEAN: For which plaintiff,  
11 Fletch? Which litigation? The MDL?

12 MR. TRAMMELL: MDL.

13 MR. DEAN: Thank you.

14 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 108  
15 was marked for identification.)

16 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

17 Q When we went off the record, we were  
18 talking about Dan Bitler being let go. I've  
19 now marked as Exhibit No. 108 to the  
20 deposition a copy of a document that starts or  
21 ends with Bates Nos. 918567. Do you see that  
22 that document on Page 1 is described as a  
23 Corrective Action Plan?

24 A Yes.

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1 Q And is it dated August 28th, 2008?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And so would this have been after  
4 the FDA inspection was completed?

5 A Yes.

6 Q During this period of time, was the  
7 company still making changes designed to  
8 correct problems that were identified by FDA  
9 during the inspection?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And was this corrective action plan  
12 part of that process?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What is -- strike that.

15 MR. WEINKOWITZ: Hello?

16 MR. BLIZZARD: Hey, Mike. This  
17 is Ed Blizzard.

18 MR. WEINKOWITZ: Hey, Ed. How  
19 are you?

20 MR. BLIZZARD: Good. Do you  
21 want to make your appearance for the  
22 record?

23 MR. WEINKOWITZ: This is Mike  
24 Weinkowitz with Levin, Fishbein, Sedran &

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1 Berman, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. BLIZZARD: Would you mind  
4 putting your phone on mute?

5 MR. WEINKOWITZ: I'm going.  
6 I'm going on mute.

7 MR. BLIZZARD: Thank you.

8 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

9 Q Corrective action plans, does that  
10 have a certain meaning in the quality and  
11 compliance profession?

12 A Yes. This was a voluntary plan put  
13 together to address FDA's issues. So it was  
14 considered a corrective action plan because it  
15 specifically was designed to not only respond  
16 to the 483 but to take it beyond that so that  
17 upon reinspection the site would have a  
18 successful inspection.

19 Q So this was not only to address past  
20 issues, but to make sure you didn't flunk any  
21 inspections in the future?

22 A Right.

23 Q And the corrective action plan  
24 included issues relating to Digitek; correct?



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1           A       I would have to refresh my memory.

2           Can I look through the document?

3           Q       Well, I'm not specifically referring  
4           to this document right now.

5           A       Oh, okay.

6           Q       But, generally speaking, were some  
7           of the corrective actions that were taken in  
8           response to the FDA's inspection related to  
9           Digitek?

10          A       Some of them, yes.

11          Q       And if you look at Page 18571 where  
12          there's a heading called "Status of  
13          Organizational Changes," do you see that  
14          paragraph?

15          A       Yes.

16          Q       Do you see that you're mentioned in  
17          the first paragraph of the organizational  
18          changes?

19          A       Yes.

20          Q       It says specifically: "Phyllis  
21          Lambridis, Vice President of US Quality &  
22          Compliance, reports directly to Mr. Olafsson."

23                   Is that true?

24          A       Yes.

1 Q And Mr. Olafsson was the CEO of  
2 Actavis worldwide, wasn't he?

3 A No. I believe that might be his  
4 title now, but at the time Mr. Olafsson was  
5 the deputy CEO to Robert Wessman. Robert  
6 Wessman was the global CEO of Actavis, and  
7 Mr. Olafsson was his deputy CEO.

8 Q Okay.

9 A The change that they're referring to  
10 here is that they each took a more involved  
11 role in the US operations. So Siggi became  
12 the CEO of Actavis, Inc., in the US. And then  
13 because he became CEO of Actavis, Inc., I now  
14 reported directly to him.

15 Q So you reported directly to the CEO  
16 of Actavis here in the United States?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And that was part of the  
19 organizational change that was made in  
20 response to the FDA inspection?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Also described here on the next page  
23 at the top, does it talk about Dan Bitler  
24 there?

1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you see where it says: "Dan  
3 Bitler was dismissed"?

4 Do you see that?

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q Is there a difference between being  
7 fired and dismissed?

8 A I think dismissed can be dismissed  
9 in many different ways.

10 Q He was dismissed and new quality  
11 oversight was put in place with Tony Delicato  
12 being appointed director of QA for New Jersey  
13 SOD -- what's SOD?

14 A Solid oral dose.

15 Q -- and has QA responsibility for  
16 both of Actavis' New Jersey sites.

17 Did I read that right?

18 A Correct.

19 Q So Tony Delicato took over Dan  
20 Bitler's job at the Little Falls plant and  
21 also had responsibility for the other plant as  
22 well; correct?

23 A He did -- Tony Delicato was the  
24 director of QA in the Elizabeth facility. And

1 this change actually elevated him to a level  
2 of having oversight at both facilities for all  
3 of QA. So he didn't go directly into Dan's  
4 seat, but he took over all of the QA  
5 activities at the site. So it was Dan's role  
6 and other QA activities.

7 Q Now, this corrective action plan  
8 that we're looking at was dated in August of  
9 2008; correct?

10 A Correct.

11 Q And you were talking about the CEOs  
12 for the company at that period of time;  
13 correct?

14 A Right.

15 Q Talking about Siggi and also Robert  
16 Wessman being the worldwide CEO; correct?

17 A Right.

18 Q Now, there actually was a CEO in  
19 April of 2008 over the Actavis Totowa that  
20 was -- he resigned; correct?

21 A There was really no CEO, single CEO.  
22 The Actavis, Inc., organization had three  
23 gentlemen that ran the organization.

24 Q So this is in April of 2008 we're

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1 talking about?

2 A When I joined up until April when  
3 this change -- well, May 1st, I think, was the  
4 official date that Siggi took over in the CEO  
5 role.

6 Q Okay. So from 2007 until May 1 of  
7 2008, who were the three people in charge of  
8 running the operation?

9 A Divya Patel, Steinthor Palsson, and  
10 Doug Boothe.

11 Q Doug Boothe, did you say?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. The second one I may need  
14 help from you to spell that.

15 A Steinthor, S-T-E-I-N-T-H-O-R.

16 Q Okay. And the last name is Palsson?

17 A Palsson.

18 Q Is that spelled like we would spell  
19 Palsson here in the United States or are there  
20 two Ss?

21 A I can't recall. I think there might  
22 be two Ss, but I don't -- I don't remember.

23 Q Now, as of May of 2008, were any of  
24 those people allowed to continue to run the

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1 company?

2 MR. DEAN: Objection to the  
3 form.

4 Go ahead.

5 THE WITNESS: In May, Divya was  
6 given new responsibilities and was head  
7 of the R&D -- his new role was head of  
8 R&D, research and development.

9 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

10 Q How about Doug Boothe?

11 A Doug Boothe now reported to Siggi  
12 along with the rest of the management team.

13 Q Okay. So he stayed on with the  
14 company and reported to Siggi?

15 A Yes. We all now reported in to  
16 Siggi.

17 Q Okay. But Doug Boothe stayed with  
18 the organization?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Until when?

21 A I believe he's still there.

22 Q And Mr. Palsson, did he stay with  
23 the organization?

24 A He did stay with the organization.

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1 He is still employed; but at some later date,  
2 he did return to Iceland in a new role.

3 Q And Divya Patel, did he stay with  
4 the organization?

5 A No. Divya was there until August.

6 Q Of 2008?

7 A I believe it was August 2008.

8 Q And then what happened then?

9 A Divya left the company, and Doug  
10 Boothe became the CEO of Actavis in the US.

11 Q Now, Divya Patel, do you know what  
12 his involvement in Actavis was -- strike that.

13 Do you know what Divya Patel's  
14 involvement was with the predecessor to  
15 Actavis and then continuing into Actavis?

16 A I'm not sure what you mean by  
17 "predecessor to Actavis."

18 Q Do you know that Actavis purchased  
19 Amide or Amide Pharmaceuticals?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And do you know what Divya's role  
22 at -- how do you pronounce that?

23 A Amide.

24 Q -- Amide Pharmaceuticals was?

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1           A     I don't know his title, but he was  
2     an owner of that pharmaceutical company.

3           Q     And was that pharmaceutical company  
4     essentially a family-owned business?

5           A     Yes.

6           Q     And were there a number of Patel  
7     family members employed by the company?

8           A     Yes.

9           Q     And did a number of those family  
10    members stay on once Actavis bought out Amide  
11    Pharmaceuticals?

12          A     Yes.

13          Q     And which Patels are you familiar  
14    with that continued to stay on and work for  
15    Actavis after the acquisition of Amide  
16    Pharmaceuticals, which Patel family members?

17          A     Divya, Apurva, A-P-U-R-V-A.

18          Q     Okay. You've told us what Divya's  
19    position was. What was Apurva's position?

20          A     Apurva, at the time that I was  
21    employed, Apurva was in manufacturing  
22    operation at the Little Falls facility, so he  
23    was -- I believe he was in charge of  
24    manufacturing operations.



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1 Q And were there any other Patels that  
2 were involved -- any family members of the  
3 Patel family who stayed on after the  
4 acquisition of Amide Pharmaceuticals and  
5 worked for Actavis?

6 A I cannot recall her first name in  
7 both cases. There was a sister with a  
8 different last name -- she had a married name.  
9 I can't remember what it was -- employed in  
10 the legal department. And his mom, I think it  
11 was Nila Patel. I'm not sure. She was  
12 employed at the Little Falls facility in more  
13 of an office manager's role.

14 Q Now, following the FDA inspection  
15 and through the time that you worked at the  
16 company, did any of these, the Patel family  
17 members, stay on with the company?

18 A Up until I left, I believe the only  
19 person that was still employed was the sister.

20 Q That was in the legal department?

21 A Correct.

22 Q Okay. Now, back at the time that  
23 this inspection was going on in April of 2007,  
24 did you communicate with Divya Patel about

1 what products should be fixed in what order?

2 A We talked about what products needed  
3 to be addressed in terms of reintroduction  
4 because we were discontinuing product as a  
5 result of some of the activities.

6 We had some discussion about the  
7 recalled products and what needed to be done  
8 to enable us to market them. Again, that was  
9 the initial part of that discussion.

10 Q And was Digitek among the recalled  
11 products?

12 A Yes. Well, the first recall didn't  
13 involve -- the first group of products that  
14 were recalled, Digitek was not -- Digitek  
15 stood alone. It was handled in a different  
16 manner because we did not market that product.  
17 It was marketed by another company.

18 Q Okay. And that other company was  
19 Mylan?

20 A Correct.

21 Q So the recall that was done for  
22 Digitek was handled separately because of  
23 Mylan's involvement; correct?

24 A And because we had already committed

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1 to a group of products that were going to be  
2 recalled, and that was already underway when  
3 the Digitek issue was raised.

4 Q And that recall for the other  
5 products that you mentioned was a Class 2  
6 recall; correct?

7 A I believe so.

8 Q And then the Digitek recall was a  
9 Class I recall?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And a Class I recall reaches to the  
12 consumer level; is that right?

13 A Correct.

14 Q And the reason for that is potential  
15 health hazard for people who are continuing to  
16 take it; correct?

17 A Usually. It's the severity of the  
18 issue. There's criteria that needs to be met.

19 Q Right. But there was discussion at  
20 time, at some time, wasn't there, about  
21 whether or not to reintroduce Digitek?

22 A There was discussion with Mylan  
23 regarding wanting to reintroduce Digitek.

24 Q Okay. And when did that occur?

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1           A     I couldn't give you an exact time,  
2     but sometime after the recall.

3           Q     Who was the discussion between?

4           A     I didn't participate in those  
5     discussions.

6           Q     Do you know who did on behalf of  
7     Actavis?

8           A     No, I don't.

9           Q     Do you know who did on behalf of  
10    Mylan?

11          A     No.

12          Q     Did you have any interaction with  
13    people at Mylan about Digitek?

14          A     The interaction that I had with  
15    Mylan on Digitek was regarding the execution  
16    of the recall.

17          Q     And who was it at Mylan that you  
18    interacted with about execution of the recall?

19          A     Michael. I don't recall his last  
20    name. He was a quality -- in a similar role  
21    as I, in quality.

22          Q     Could it have been Michael Adams?

23          A     That sounds familiar.

24          Q     About how many occasions did you

1 have interaction with Michael Adams about the  
2 recall?

3 A There were several back-and-forth  
4 phone calls mainly to work on the press  
5 release, different iterations, and the recall  
6 letter and whatever else, correspondence that  
7 was needed. It was several phone calls or  
8 actually just several days at one point in  
9 time.

10 Q And you don't know what time period  
11 this is likely these calls took place?

12 A End of April.

13 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 109  
14 was marked for identification.)

15 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

16 Q Now, I want to show you what I've  
17 marked as Exhibit 109 to your deposition. And  
18 it's a document that has ending numbers  
19 475895.

20 Do you see that this is an e-mail  
21 from you on April 10, 2008?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And it's to Chris Young, who was  
24 head of operations at the time?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And Doug Boothe, who was one of the  
3 people running the company?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And Divya Patel, who was another  
6 person running the company; correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And Apurva Patel, who was Divya's  
9 brother and who was head of manufacturing;  
10 right?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And what does the first -- what do  
13 the first two sentences say?

14 A "Attached are the color coded  
15 product lists provided to FDA. For the  
16 products that we want to stop and fix can you  
17 give me a first pass on the order of priority  
18 that you would like them assessed."

19 Q Okay. And is this where you  
20 actually took a look at the products or listed  
21 the products that were going to be recalled  
22 and asked the management of the company to  
23 give you some idea of whether they had a  
24 priority for how the products were reassessed?

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1           A     Can you say that again, just repeat  
2     it?

3           Q     Let me ask a different question.

4                     Do you see where it says "For the  
5     products that we want to stop and fix" -- do  
6     you see that?

7           A     Yes.

8           Q     -- "can you give me a first pass on  
9     the order of priority that you would like them  
10    assessed."

11                    So were you asking these management  
12    people to give you some idea of the priority  
13    order for reassessing these products that you  
14    were going to stop and fix?

15          A     Yes. I can explain if I can just  
16    put it into context.

17          Q     Sure.

18          A     At this point in time, there were,  
19    as I had mentioned before, a group of products  
20    that we were recalling. There were several  
21    things going on. If you refer back to this  
22    memo --

23                   MR. DEAN: "This" being 107?

24                   THE WITNESS: -- 107 exhibit,

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1 we made some commitments to FDA to recall  
2 product. And that was outlined in a memo  
3 that was given to the Agency.

4 In addition to that, we  
5 agreed -- because those recalls were full  
6 recalls, so they involved taking all of  
7 the product for those products off of the  
8 market, they were affectionately known as  
9 the stop-and-fix products.

10 So the plan at the time was  
11 to -- at least we had stopped obviously  
12 manufacturing and shipping them. And the  
13 plan at the time was to evaluate them to  
14 determine whether they would be  
15 reintroduced and what would be needed  
16 before they could be reintroduced.

17 And the reason for that is  
18 because in some cases there were  
19 method-related issues or issues that  
20 could improve the product that may --  
21 would require a lot of resources or FDA  
22 review that would be a lengthy review.  
23 So it was a business decision as to  
24 whether they were worth spending the time



1 as opposed to spending that time and  
2 resource elsewhere.

3 So that's the context of what's  
4 there. So one of the things that we  
5 presented to FDA, again back to the  
6 Exhibit 107, on April 9th, the memo  
7 that's referred to here, this FDA memo,  
8 we committed to recalls of those  
9 products; but we also were doing this  
10 rationalization.

11 So that list consisted of the  
12 products, these stop-and-fix products,  
13 and then other products that we were, for  
14 business reasons, most likely going to  
15 discontinue, and then the products that  
16 would remain.

17 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

18 Q Okay. I think I understand. So  
19 what you're saying is there were these  
20 products that the company was -- we're calling  
21 stop-and-fix products, and digoxin was not a  
22 stop-and-fix product?

23 A No.

24 Q But if you look at Exhibit -- if we

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1 go back to Exhibit 107, I think, which is  
2 Page 292438, and at the top, that exhibit  
3 you're referring to, Exhibit 107, is dated  
4 April 9, 2008.

5 And actually, while it may not have  
6 been a stop-and-fix product, it was a  
7 we-ain't-so-happy-with-it product at that  
8 time, wasn't it?

9 A Correct.

10 Q And you knew FDA was not happy with  
11 it; right?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And did the company ever try to fix  
14 Digitek?

15 A No.

16 Q Do you know why the company never  
17 tried to fix it and put it back on the market?

18 A I -- digoxin was a high-volume  
19 product that took a lot of resource away from  
20 other things. And it was a product that they  
21 were manufacturing for someone else and not  
22 necessarily for themselves.

23 So I think there was partly a  
24 business issue and partly a resource issue.

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1 Efforts to reintroduce a product were put into  
2 the products that were owned by Actavis.

3 Q Okay. So no attempt was ever made  
4 to see if the Digitek manufacturing issues or  
5 the Digitek quality issues could be fixed?

6 A Correct.

7 Q Do you know if PAREXEL ever did a  
8 risk assessment on Digitek?

9 A I don't think so. PAREXEL did not  
10 do a risk assessment on any of the products  
11 that were recalled if I remember correctly.  
12 The efforts were engaged mainly to look at the  
13 product that was still on the market.

14 Q Now, the inspection, this FDA  
15 inspection we've been talking about all  
16 morning, it started on March the 18th of 2008;  
17 correct?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Who was Anthony Castellazzo?

20 A He was a QA director that reported  
21 in to Scott Talbot at the -- he was actually  
22 located at the Riverview facility in the same  
23 Actavis Totowa site.

24 Q Okay. So he reported to Scott

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1 Talbot at an Actavis Totowa site. He was in  
2 quality?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And what was his specific job in  
5 quality?

6 A As I said, he was hired as a QA  
7 director. His role was at the Totowa site,  
8 which is Riverview. This was the building  
9 that was -- there was an effort underway to  
10 move the operations from the Little Falls  
11 facility on Main Street to the new site at  
12 Riverview. So his role was mainly at that  
13 facility, and he was preparing that site for  
14 the subsequent transfer.

15 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 110  
16 was marked for identification.)

17 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

18 Q I'm going to show you what I'm going  
19 to mark as Exhibit No. 110 to your deposition.  
20 And this is a document with Bates numbers  
21 ending 542861.

22 A Okay.

23 Q What is Exhibit 110?

24 A A series of organizational charts.

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1 Q And if you look over on the third  
2 page that starts 542863, does it show you're  
3 the head of Actavis US quality and compliance?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And if you look at the following  
6 page, does it show Tony Castellazzo on it?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And does it show that his job, at  
9 least as of the time of this organizational  
10 chart, was qualification and remediation?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And what is qualification and  
13 remediation?

14 MR. DEAN: Excuse me. I think  
15 it says "remedication."

16 MR. BLIZZARD: I think it does,  
17 too, but I'm not sure that that's what it  
18 means.

19 MR. DEAN: I'm not sure that's  
20 right, but that's what it says.

21 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

22 Q Let me ask the expert. What's that  
23 supposed to say?

24 A It was meant to be "remediation."

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1           Q     So what was the job of qualification  
2 and remediation?

3           A     These charts don't have a date, but  
4 they appear to reflect the organization after  
5 Doug Boothe was CEO. So this is later in  
6 2008.

7           Q     Right. This also was after Dan  
8 Bitler was let go or dismissed also, wasn't  
9 it?

10          A     Yes. And so when you --

11                   MR. DEAN: The question was:  
12 What is qualification and remediation?

13                   THE WITNESS: Right. So -- oh,  
14 well, I'm getting there.

15                   MR. DEAN: Okay.

16                   THE WITNESS: By this point in  
17 time -- again, Tony Castellazzo was hired  
18 as a QA director for the Riverview site.  
19 The purpose of the inspection was to move  
20 everything into the Riverview site.

21                   So part of his initial  
22 responsibility was the qualification of  
23 that site, which was ongoing. And what  
24 had occurred by this point in time is

1           because that we had stopped manufacturing  
2           and there was other work, he was given a  
3           role in what we called remediation, which  
4           was he was assisting now with all of the  
5           activities related to the Little Falls  
6           product line and all of the activities to  
7           get ready for reinspection.

8           BY MR. BLIZZARD:

9           Q       Okay. Did he -- right before the  
10          FDA inspection, do you recall him writing an  
11          e-mail to you accusing you of being disengaged  
12          from your work?

13          A       Yes.

14                               (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 111  
15          was marked for identification.)

16          BY MR. BLIZZARD:

17          Q       Let me show you what's marked as  
18          Exhibit No. 111. It's Document No. 609595.  
19          It actually starts with Page No. 94, but we'll  
20          start discussing it over on Page 95.

21                       Do you see that there's an e-mail --  
22          the first e-mail is dated March 16, 2008, at  
23          5:40 p.m. from Anthony Castellazzo to you?

24          A       Yes.

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1 Q Do you have a specific memory of  
2 this e-mail?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Why?

5 A I was just surprised that, given his  
6 level, that he would write such an e-mail to  
7 me, the tone of it.

8 Q What do you mean by that?

9 A Just questioning the -- I just was  
10 offended by it actually.

11 Q He had not attended any school for  
12 diplomacy?

13 A Exactly. And he tended to be a  
14 little -- blowing things out of proportion.

15 Q So he says here: "For reasons which  
16 I can't confirm, you and I are not  
17 communicating and that's troubling. I was  
18 surprised that you weren't able to call into  
19 Friday's FDA readiness meeting given it's  
20 apparent urgency."

21 Now, was this meeting a meeting that  
22 was being conducted in preparation for the FDA  
23 inspection that we've been talking about?

24 A Yes.



1           Q     He then says: "Perhaps the FDA is  
2     not coming on Monday, but next week" -- "but  
3     next week and thus the meeting lacked the  
4     sense of urgency for you. If that's the case,  
5     that's information the group should know. I  
6     found it rather curious that in your absence  
7     you would ask Dan Bitler rather than me to run  
8     the meeting. Not to mention that the director  
9     of technical services called the initial  
10    meeting."

11                 Then in the next paragraph, does he  
12    say: "I may be reading too much into this,  
13    but your behavior of late strikes me as  
14    someone who has disengaged themselves from the  
15    process, and as a result given the impression  
16    that you may have alternative plans. I hope  
17    your not going to throw in the towel so soon."

18                 Was there -- how long had there been  
19    meetings in preparation for this FDA  
20    inspection?

21           A     There were several weeks of  
22    meetings, so this would not have been the  
23    first.

24           Q     And was there discussion in some of

1 these meetings leading up to the FDA  
2 inspection that there were problems within the  
3 quality system?

4 A No. Tony was very frustrated in the  
5 fact that he was hired actually prior to when  
6 I started, so he was on board before  
7 September 2007 and had been waiting anxiously.  
8 So his references are mostly about getting the  
9 product moved over to the other facility and  
10 some of the issues related to delays in that  
11 occurring.

12 Q But when he says "throw in the  
13 towel," doesn't that suggest that there were  
14 problems such that people might want to give  
15 up?

16 MR. DEAN: Objection; calls for  
17 her to speculate as to what was in his  
18 mind.

19 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

20 Q Do you know what he was referring to  
21 when he said "throw in the towel"?

22 A It was mostly frustration from  
23 getting cooperation to get things up and  
24 ready. It was not necessarily referring to

1 systems and practices because his engagement  
2 in his role was not in the day-to-day  
3 activities going on at the Little Falls site.

4 Q And did you write a response to him?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And is that the e-mail that's on  
7 Page 1 of this document, which is dated  
8 Monday, March 17th, 2008?

9 A Yes.

10 Q And is this the actual day before  
11 the inspection started?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And if you look at the second  
14 paragraph -- actually, you start out this  
15 e-mail saying: "While the FDA inspection at  
16 Riverview is important it is only one of the  
17 many urgent issues I need to attend to."

18 A Yes.

19 Q What other urgent issues were you  
20 having to attend to at that time?

21 A I was head of all the US sites, so  
22 there were multiple sites within my purview of  
23 responsibility that were scattered along the  
24 East Coast.

1                   And in addition to that, there were  
2                   third-party manufacturers that we did business  
3                   with that manufactured product for us. So I  
4                   also had a group that had oversight of that.  
5                   So there were things I was dealing with every  
6                   day, not just that one site.

7                   Q       If you look at the beginning of the  
8                   second paragraph, what does it say there?

9                   A       "My behavior of late," is that the  
10                  paragraph?

11                  Q       Yes.

12                  A       "'My behavior of late' is a result  
13                  of being exhausted, both physically and  
14                  mentally. In case you are not aware we just  
15                  had a major recall for one of our most  
16                  important products. This was a huge  
17                  distraction and took up a lot of my time. It  
18                  unfortunately could not be avoided. I  
19                  recognize that I have not had a lot of time to  
20                  spend in Riverview. I am offended by your  
21                  comment about being disengaged. I spent two  
22                  weeks at Corium during their FDA inspection  
23                  and countless hours both in the office and at  
24                  home working on the recall, investigations,

1 and various other projects. Your perception  
2 is wrong."

3 Q Okay. So you were sort of setting  
4 him straight that you were working hard at the  
5 job responsibilities that you had at the time?

6 A Correct.

7 Q And they involved not just the  
8 Riverview facility but other facilities;  
9 correct?

10 A Correct.

11 Q They involved not just recalls at  
12 the Little Falls plant, but they involved  
13 other recalls; right?

14 A Well, at this particular time there  
15 were no other recalls.

16 Q And you indicated to him, kind of  
17 candidly, that you were -- that this work that  
18 you were engaged in at that time had caused  
19 you to be exhausted both physically and  
20 mentally?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now, after the inspection which  
23 lasted, again, between March 18th and the  
24 closeout on May the 20th of 2008, was there a

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1 list of responsibilities assigned to various  
2 members of the Actavis team?

3 A There were many lists.

4 Q I may just show you one of them, but  
5 let me just ask you before we get to the list,  
6 I want to talk about your responsibilities  
7 following the FDA inspection. Were you  
8 responsible for putting together the  
9 corrective action plan?

10 A Yes.

11 Q Were you responsible for designing  
12 the stability plan?

13 A That does not sound familiar.

14 Q Okay. Were you responsible for  
15 establishing a compendial review system?

16 MR. DEAN: Was that  
17 "compendial"?

18 MR. BLIZZARD: Yes.

19 MR. DEAN: Okay. Thank you.

20 THE WITNESS: There was  
21 discussion about that, but that was not  
22 within the context of the inspection.

23 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

24 Q Okay. Well, whether it was part of

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1 the inspection or not, did you have that  
2 responsibility following the inspection?

3 A It would fall in my area.

4 Q Were you involved in developing a  
5 laboratory strategy?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Were you responsible for designing  
8 the format for weekly reports to FDA?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Were you responsible for preparing  
11 the response to the FDA 483?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Were you responsible for putting in  
14 place a universal recall process?

15 A The only thing I -- yes, but I want  
16 to just clarify that, not me personally, but  
17 it would fall in my area of responsibility.  
18 So it would be done by -- it would be  
19 delegated to the appropriate person in my  
20 group, in the quality group.

21 Q Were you responsible for  
22 preparing -- for putting in place -- for  
23 finalizing the quality organization for  
24 Totowa?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Were you responsible for refresher  
3 GMP training for employees who were involved  
4 in manufacturing or in the quality group?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Were you involved in or responsible  
7 for the risk review of products remaining on  
8 the market?

9 A Involved in I would say, yes.

10 Q Were you responsible for doing the  
11 protocol for the risk assessments that were  
12 going to be done for products remaining on the  
13 market?

14 A That was really -- that protocol was  
15 designed by the consultant team, PAREXEL. So  
16 my role would have been in approving that.

17 Q Were you also involved in  
18 establishing the analytical remediation group?

19 A Yes.

20 Q And were you responsible for  
21 establishing the strategy for evaluation of  
22 test methods?

23 A That would have been shared with the  
24 other function because I don't have that



1 expertise. We had called in help from the R&D  
2 group for that.

3 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 112  
4 was marked for identification.)

5 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

6 Q I'm going to show you what I've  
7 marked as Exhibit No. 112 to your deposition,  
8 which is Document 1863647.

9 Could you tell me what this appears  
10 to be?

11 A I'm not familiar with this document.

12 Q Okay. Do you see where it's  
13 entitled, at least on the first page, "Totowa  
14 FDA Audit"?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And there's a list of people on the  
17 first page. And you're one of the people  
18 listed; correct?

19 A Yes.

20 Q It looks like a spreadsheet format,  
21 doesn't it?

22 A Excel spreadsheet, it looks like.

23 Q And it says "Who Attended Meeting,"  
24 and then it has a list of dates for the

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1 meetings and either a "yes" or a "no" next to  
2 each; correct?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And it looks like that you --  
5 looking at the dates, were these meetings with  
6 FDA?

7 A The only one that I can see that was  
8 reflective of a meeting with FDA is the 20th,  
9 which was the day that they issued the 483.

10 Q Okay.

11 A I think it was intended to be  
12 reflective of internal meetings.

13 Q Okay. So it shows for the meetings  
14 on May 17th, May 18th, May 19th, May 20th, and  
15 another meeting on May 20th, it looks like you  
16 attended them all; correct?

17 A Correct.

18 Q And then if you look at the --  
19 beginning on the fifth page of this document,  
20 which is Page 51, is there a list of what  
21 appears to be who's responsible for what, who  
22 will do what, the project area, and action  
23 list as part of this Excel spreadsheet?

24 A Yes.

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1           Q     Okay. And I'm not going to go  
2 through each of these, but does -- the first  
3 one on Line 10, it says: Project area, FDA  
4 communication; category, CAPA; Who is you;  
5 correct?

6           A     Correct.

7           Q     And then it says: "Put together an  
8 overall Corrective Action Plan that outlines  
9 our commitments, action items and the  
10 activities we will engage in to address FDA's  
11 concerns."

12                   Do you see that?

13          A     Correct.

14          Q     And that was one of the  
15 responsibilities that you had; is that true?

16          A     Yes.

17          Q     And if you just kind of flip through  
18 the remainder of the document, does it appear  
19 that you were in this document, at least  
20 according to this document, assigned other  
21 responsibilities that we discussed here?

22          A     Yes, I was assigned other  
23 responsibilities.

24                   Was that your question?

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1 Q Yes. And some of those we've  
2 discussed a minute ago, such as developing a  
3 laboratory strategy and other things?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Now, this document, although you're  
6 not familiar with it, it obviously was  
7 prepared after the FDA inspection; correct?

8 A No. Actually, it was before because  
9 the FDA inspection ended on May 20th.

10 Q So it was prepared sometime before  
11 the inspection ended?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Now, did you meet with FDA on a  
14 number of occasions in connection with their  
15 inspection at Actavis that we've been  
16 discussing today?

17 A I hosted the inspections if that's  
18 what you're referring to. I was present when  
19 FDA was on-site.

20 Q When you say "hosted the  
21 inspections," I'm thinking of coffee and tea.

22 A Yes, coffee and tea, I wish.

23 Q No cake?

24 A I was the point person for that

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1 inspection.

2 Q And how many different meetings do  
3 you recall?

4 A She was on-site --

5 MR. DEAN: "She" being Erin?

6 THE WITNESS: -- Erin, from  
7 March 18th until May 20th, but not every  
8 day. So I don't know how many days of  
9 actual visits there were.

10 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

11 Q Have you ever heard of an EIR  
12 before?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What is an EIR?

15 A An EIR is an establishment  
16 inspection report. And it's the report  
17 written by the lead investigator for any FDA  
18 inspection. It's their internal report that  
19 they write to their management.

20 Q I'm going to hand you what I think  
21 has previously been marked as Plaintiff's  
22 Exhibit No. 91. And it doesn't actually have  
23 a Bates number on it because we obtained this  
24 through a request to the FDA under the Freedom

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1 of Information Act. So I'm showing you what  
2 we received from FDA.

3 Have you ever seen the EIR for the  
4 inspection that was done by FDA of Actavis  
5 between March 18th, 2008, and May 20th, 2008?

6 A No.

7 Q If you look down at the summary on  
8 the bottom of the first page, do you see where  
9 it says in the middle of the first paragraph:  
10 "The inspection provided general GMP  
11 coverage"?

12 A Yes.

13 Q What does that mean?

14 A That was the type of category of the  
15 inspection.

16 Q So it says right after that:  
17 "Preapproval coverage was planned but not  
18 conducted."

19 What's the difference between  
20 preapproval coverage and GMP coverage?

21 A Preapproval is used in many  
22 different contexts. In this particular case,  
23 it was -- the inspection was held at the  
24 Riverview facility. And that, as I had

1 mentioned earlier, was a new building that we  
2 were planning to move into.

3 So the context of that inspection  
4 was to come in and give a preapproval of that  
5 facility so that we could move into it. So  
6 that's the preapproval part of it. And as  
7 part of any preapproval inspection, they also  
8 do a GMP inspection.

9 Q Okay. So what this was  
10 originally -- was this originally a  
11 preapproval inspection, but it turned into a  
12 GMP inspection?

13 A It was originally a preapproval  
14 inspection which would have included GMP, but  
15 we -- she started doing the GMP portion of it,  
16 and we never got to the preapproval portion of  
17 it.

18 Q If you look over on the next page,  
19 Page 2, you see where it says beginning on  
20 the -- I guess it's the first full sentence on  
21 that page, "The previous inspection"?

22 Do you see that sentence?

23 A Yes.

24 Q The previous inspection of the

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1 Little Falls, New Jersey, facility provided  
2 coverage of the quality, production,  
3 laboratory control, materials and facilities  
4 and equipment systems. Deficiencies were  
5 documented in the areas of field alerts, the  
6 stability testing program, and investigations.

7 And then the last sentence says:  
8 Corrections were promised for all  
9 observations. The inspection was classified  
10 as -- is that a VAI?

11 A Yes.

12 Q What is VAI?

13 A Voluntary action indicated.

14 Q So that refers to a previous  
15 inspection of the same facility; is that true?

16 A Actually, it's an inspection of the  
17 Little Falls facility on Main Street, not the  
18 Riverview facility, but it's all Actavis  
19 Totowa.

20 Q Okay. So it was an inspection of  
21 the Little Falls plant?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Were you involved at all in that  
24 inspection?



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1           A     That inspection took place just  
2     prior to my arrival, so it was in process when  
3     I started with Actavis. And my only  
4     involvement was to attend again the closeout  
5     meeting that they held at the completion of  
6     that inspection.

7           Q     Did you actually -- were you  
8     provided with any of the 483 materials so that  
9     you could be familiar with the issues at the  
10    plant going forward?

11          A     Yes.

12          Q     So you were familiar with what  
13    findings had been made in 2006 regarding the  
14    Little Falls facility in the 483 inspection?

15          A     No. This was 2007. This inspection  
16    that I'm referring to was September of 2007.

17          Q     Okay. So did you know about an  
18    inspection in 2006 of the Little Falls  
19    facility?

20          A     Yes.

21          Q     And when did you learn about that?

22          A     Actually, I was aware of it prior to  
23    joining the company.

24          Q     How so?

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1           A     Because they had been issued a  
2     warning letter, and just normal surveillance  
3     as part of my job. I know -- I keep up on  
4     what's going on with other companies, and it's  
5     in the news --

6           Q     So was it --

7           A     Trade press.

8           Q     I'm sorry.

9           A     Sorry. That's okay.

10          Q     So that was part of your role as a  
11     consultant or while you were working for  
12     another company?

13          A     No. It was just knowledge I had  
14     prior to joining.

15          Q     Okay. So you saw the warning letter  
16     that was issued in 2006 to Actavis regarding  
17     the Little Falls facility?

18          A     Yes.

19          Q     And that was as an industry  
20     observer, I guess?

21          A     Correct.

22          Q     Did you do any further research on  
23     that subject when you arrived at the company?

24          A     No.

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1 Q Did you do any review of the 483 or  
2 any of the other documents that were generated  
3 following that inspection about the  
4 observations that had been made by FDA?

5 A In which inspection are you  
6 referring to?

7 Q The 2006 inspection.

8 A No.

9 Q So did you ever review the company's  
10 response to the warning letter?

11 A I may have at a later date. My  
12 joining in September of 2007 -- that was the  
13 follow-up inspection to that warning letter.  
14 So the context of what's written here, she --  
15 what typically happens in any of these reports  
16 is they will refer back to the prior  
17 inspection. So what happened here was they  
18 had another reinspection as a result of that  
19 warning letter. And this is the point in time  
20 where they were classified as "voluntary  
21 action indicated," so the warning letter was  
22 lifted.

23 Q So essentially what happened was the  
24 inspection -- the warning letter was issued in

1 2006, and then there was a follow-up  
2 inspection in 2007 immediately before you  
3 started to work for the company?

4 A It started before I joined, yes.

5 Q So then if we go to the next  
6 paragraph, this paragraph is referring to the  
7 2008 inspection; correct?

8 A I'm sorry. Which page?

9 Q Page 2. I'm sorry. Next paragraph.

10 A Yes.

11 Q Okay. So it says: This inspection  
12 was limited to coverage of the quality system  
13 due to significant CGMP deficiencies including  
14 but not limited to out-of-specification  
15 in-process, finished product, and stability  
16 results for more than -- and somebody's  
17 redacted the number -- prescription  
18 pharmaceutical products; release of digoxin  
19 tablets, .125 milligrams, Lot 70924A2,  
20 following visual inspection of the -- and then  
21 there's another word blacked out -- to remove  
22 double thick tablets; failure of the quality  
23 unit to reject products not meeting  
24 specifications, to complete quality assurance

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1 investigations, to expand investigations to  
2 other lots and products, to file NDA field  
3 alerts within time frames, and to respond to  
4 out-of-specification products on the  
5 marketplace. Analytical methods requiring  
6 remediation remained in use and  
7 approximately -- the number is blacked out --  
8 prescription drug products had no analytical  
9 evaluations of impurities on stability.

10 Written procedures were not followed and  
11 changes with potential product quality impact  
12 were not all reviewed and approved by the  
13 quality unit. No market action was taken by  
14 the quality unit for any products on the  
15 market at the initiation of the inspection,  
16 despite the confirmed out-of-specification  
17 in-process, finished product, and stability  
18 results.

19 Now, was that what the general  
20 description of the inspection in March of 2008  
21 was about?

22 A Description of the outcome of the  
23 inspection.

24 Q And it says -- in the sentence just

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1 after what we just read, does it say: "No  
2 comprehensive risk assessment or quality  
3 evaluation for all products on the market was  
4 conducted by the firm's Quality Unit prior to  
5 completion of the inspection"?

6 Is that what it says?

7 A Yes.

8 Q And is that true?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. If you go over to Page 3, do  
11 you see where there's a description beginning  
12 on the bottom of the page: "On 3/18/08, I,  
13 Investigator Erin McCaffery"?

14 Do you see that?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And do you see where it talks about  
17 she showed up on March 18 at the facility for  
18 the inspection? And then at the end of the  
19 paragraph, does it indicate that you joined  
20 the inspection later that morning?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And then does it show that you and  
23 Apurva Patel and Scott Talbot provided all  
24 requested information and documentation and

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1 arranged for meetings with additional  
2 personnel?

3 A Yes.

4 Q On the following page, does it  
5 indicate at the top that on April 7th of '08 a  
6 meeting was held with Divya Patel, executive  
7 chairman; Christopher Young, director of solid  
8 oral dosage; and Apurva Patel, managing  
9 director; and Phyllis Lambridis, vice  
10 president, US quality and compliance, to  
11 discuss inspectional findings and the lack of  
12 response to out-of-specification products  
13 which remained on the market?

14 Do you see that?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And was Digitek one of the products  
17 that was remaining on the market on April 7th  
18 of 2008?

19 A Digitek was still on the market at  
20 that time.

21 Q Right. And it was just a couple  
22 days later that you wrote the e-mail about  
23 Erin McCaffery being so unhappy with digoxin;  
24 correct?

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1 A Correct.

2 Q And then if you go down to the  
3 middle paragraph that starts on April 9th, do  
4 you see that?

5 A Yes.

6 Q On April 9th, a written commitment  
7 was provided by yourself, and it shows it's  
8 Exhibit 12. And it says in the middle of the  
9 paragraph: "The letter also included a plan  
10 to stop and remediate numerous  
11 products/processes due to the current cGMP  
12 findings."

13 Correct?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Is that the stop-and-fix list that  
16 you talked about earlier?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And then it says at the last  
19 sentence: The District was formally notified  
20 of a probable Class I recall of digoxin  
21 tablets, .125 milligrams, and then it gives  
22 the lot number; correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay. Now, if you go over to



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1 Page 5, do you see at the bottom of Page 5  
2 there's a paragraph that begins On April 14th  
3 of '08?

4 A May 14th?

5 Q I'm sorry. You're right. May 14th  
6 of '08.

7 Do you see that?

8 A Yes.

9 Q It says: On May 14th, '08,  
10 Investigator McCaffery met with Ms. Gudrun --  
11 how you do you pronounce that?

12 A Gudrun Eyjolfssdottir.

13 Q -- executive vice president, quality  
14 and compliance, Actavis Group.

15 Was she your boss?

16 A I reported to her. She was the vice  
17 president of quality global. So I had a  
18 reporting line in to her.

19 Q Was she an officer of the company?

20 A That I don't know.

21 Q Were you an officer of the US-based  
22 company?

23 A No.

24 Q It says you were meeting with FDA to

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1 discuss the upcoming exit meeting; correct?

2 A Correct.

3 Q And then if you look at the top of  
4 the next page, does it say there: "Both  
5 Ms. Eyjolfsdottir and Ms. Lambridis  
6 acknowledged the severity of the cGMP  
7 deficiencies and stated the need for  
8 corrective actions, restructuring of the  
9 Quality Unit, and hiring"?

10 Do you see that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q And do you recall making that  
13 admission?

14 A Yes.

15 Q And it was accurate and correct?

16 A Based on what was presented to us,  
17 yes.

18 Q Right. And part of this, these  
19 deficiencies involved the drug Digitek;  
20 correct?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Now, if you'll go over to Page --  
23 I'm going to skip a few pages now -- Page 15,  
24 do you see there's a paragraph there that

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1 starts: On April 23 of '08, following our  
2 discussions, we were contacted by  
3 Ms. Lambridis, who stated that they had  
4 decided to stop distribution of all products  
5 until further notice?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So that would include Digitek;  
8 correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q So not only was there a recall of  
11 Digitek, but there was a decision made to stop  
12 distribution of all Digitek; correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And then it says: "At that time,  
15 the firm" -- this is the next paragraph. "At  
16 that time, the firm did not commit to stopping  
17 manufacturing despite the numerous product  
18 quality issues identified."

19 Is that referring to other drugs?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. So there was a firm  
22 commitment that was followed to not  
23 manufacture any more Digitek; correct?

24 Let me rephrase it.

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1 A Yeah, I'm...

2 Q Back in April of '08, did Actavis  
3 commit to not only recall Digitek but to not  
4 manufacture any further Digitek at that point  
5 in time?

6 A I'm just trying to get my sequence  
7 of events. Give me a minute.

8 Q Okay.

9 A Once you recall a product, you're  
10 not making it anymore. So the commitments  
11 here really are referring mainly to the other  
12 products.

13 Q So you recall Digitek; and as part  
14 of the recall, you decided you weren't going  
15 to distribute it any further and you weren't  
16 going to manufacture it in the future unless  
17 you did something else; right?

18 A Correct.

19 Q And the something else never  
20 happened; right?

21 A Correct.

22 Q For business reasons; correct?

23 A Correct.

24 Q And it says in the next paragraph:

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1 Although the firm -- it's the middle of that  
2 next paragraph. Although the firm intended to  
3 restructure -- do you see that sentence there?

4 A Yes.

5 Q -- the quality organization and  
6 continue hiring, they had difficulty hiring as  
7 per Ms. Lambridis. We also discussed our  
8 significant concern with the release of  
9 digoxin tablets, .125 milligrams,  
10 Lot No. 70924A2, following the findings of  
11 double thick tablets. The investigation was  
12 inconclusive and did not extend to all other  
13 lots or strengths of digoxin tablets.

14 Do you see that?

15 A Yes.

16 Q I want to focus on the hiring issue.  
17 What problems were you having hiring people at  
18 that time?

19 A Just availability of people,  
20 attracting people to work for Actavis, which  
21 was relatively unknown in the US. We are in a  
22 very competitive environment in New Jersey  
23 with so many pharmaceutical companies. So  
24 it's very difficult to attract people, number

1 one, because you're a generic and not one of  
2 the brand-name companies but also with Actavis  
3 being relatively unknown.

4 Q So you had a difficulty identifying  
5 and hiring qualified candidates?

6 A It wasn't easy. There was not a  
7 large selection.

8 Q Do you know whether that had been a  
9 problem that had existed for a number of years  
10 or whether that was a new problem?

11 A I think it's always a problem, and  
12 it's actually been an issue in most of the  
13 companies that I've worked for. We tend to  
14 rely on a lot of networking. So a lot of  
15 times, as with Actavis, when I joined Actavis,  
16 I would reach out to other people. And I did  
17 hire people that I worked with before to come  
18 join me again.

19 Q Do you know what efforts were made  
20 by Mr. Patel to hire people back in 2006 about  
21 the time of the FDA investigation?

22 A I would have no knowledge of that.

23 Q Now, if you'll go over to Page 23,  
24 this is the last paragraph at the bottom. Is

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1       this talking about the Digitek lot number that  
2       we mentioned earlier?

3             A       It appears to be referring to it.

4             Q       This is the lot that Dan Bitler made  
5       the decision to release part of; correct?

6             A       Correct.

7             Q       And it says here beginning in the  
8       middle of the paragraph: "No explanation was  
9       provided for the failure to chemically analyze  
10      the tablets or to evaluate the thickness or  
11      weight of all tablets to determine a root  
12      cause."

13            So, as I understand it -- you tell  
14      me if I'm wrong -- they found some tablets  
15      that looked like they were too thick, might be  
16      twice the size of what the tablet should be,  
17      and they didn't chemically analyze the  
18      tablets; is that right?

19            A       They didn't chemically analyze them,  
20      but the description of the tablets was that  
21      they were double. I never saw the tablets.  
22      But the way that they were described to me was  
23      that they were double, like two tablets stuck  
24      together.

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1 Q And did anybody take any  
2 measurements of the tablets?

3 A Not that I'm aware.

4 Q And you've already indicated nobody  
5 chemically analyzed?

6 A Not that I was aware of.

7 Q So nobody ever tried to determine  
8 what caused the appearance of these tablets?

9 A I would say that they didn't use  
10 those -- they didn't use those types of  
11 analyses to analyze the tablets, but there was  
12 an investigation. And there were several --  
13 from what I recall, there were several items  
14 discussed that could have caused it, but they  
15 couldn't definitively pin it down to one  
16 particular issue.

17 Q Okay. What did they do -- if they  
18 didn't measure them and they didn't chemically  
19 analyze them, what did they do to the pills in  
20 the batch?

21 A They did an inspection, a visual  
22 inspection.

23 Q So they looked at them?

24 A Yes.



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1 Q How many people looked at them?

2 A I don't know the exact number of  
3 people, but it would have been a group of  
4 people.

5 Q How many pills are in a batch?

6 A This is a very large batch size, and  
7 I believe the -- I don't recall the exact  
8 number, but it was several million.

9 Q How long does it take to visually  
10 inspect several million pills?

11 A I don't know how long that would  
12 take. I mean, it would vary on how many  
13 people and the method of inspection. So...

14 Q Do you know any of the details on  
15 it?

16 A No.

17 Q Would you agree that visually  
18 inspecting pills like that is a crude way of  
19 analyzing?

20 MR. DEAN: Objection.

21 Go ahead.

22 THE WITNESS: Again, the way it  
23 was described to me was like they were  
24 two pills stuck together. So while I

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1           would agree that visual inspection for  
2           that large a number of tablets might be a  
3           tedious exercise for some kind of defect,  
4           this was described to me as very obvious  
5           defect.

6           BY MR. BLIZZARD:

7           Q       Actually, I think I was asking you  
8           whether there are more scientifically precise  
9           ways of doing it than visual inspection.

10          A       I don't know that I can answer that  
11          because you would have to measure every  
12          tablet, and I don't know if that's practical.

13          Q       Okay. Well, was a sample,  
14          additional sample of the tablets taken and  
15          chemically analyzed?

16          A       I don't follow the logic in the  
17          chemical analysis piece.

18          Q       Okay. Was there any chemical  
19          analysis done of the double-thick pills, for  
20          example, to determine whether or not they  
21          contained too much active ingredient or too  
22          much inert ingredient?

23          A       That was not done.

24          Q       And would you agree with what FDA

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1 says here, that no analysis was done that  
2 could identify the root cause of the problem?

3 A I would say no -- I would object to  
4 saying no analysis. She's saying -- she's  
5 pointing out the areas that were not  
6 considered, but there were several areas in  
7 the document that was written for the  
8 investigation where they did -- the areas that  
9 they did look at as a possible root cause.  
10 They didn't determine the definitive cause.

11 Q Okay. So she says there was no  
12 explanation provided for the failure to  
13 chemically analyze the tablets.

14 Do you see that?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Did you provide any explanation to  
17 her for that?

18 A No.

19 Q Okay. She says here that she asked  
20 you and Mr. Talbot how they could assure that  
21 other tablets within the batch were not out of  
22 specification and that you were unable to do  
23 that; is that accurate?

24 A Can I just read this for a second?

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1 Q Sure.

2 A Okay. Now can you repeat the  
3 question?

4 Q Yes. My question was: This FDA  
5 document says that Ms. McCaffery asked you and  
6 Mr. Talbot how you could assure that other  
7 tablets within the batch were not out of spec  
8 and whether or not you provided any assurance  
9 to them, to FDA, that tablets within that --  
10 other tablets within that batch were not out  
11 of spec.

12 A Actually what it says here is that  
13 we could not provide evidence to assure that  
14 additional out-of-spec tablets would not be  
15 identified if we inspected it by thickness,  
16 weight, or chemical.

17 Q Right. So you're saying that you  
18 could not assure that if we did additional  
19 testing, that we wouldn't identify other  
20 out-of-spec tablets?

21 A I guess basically, yeah.

22 MR. BLIZZARD: Okay. We've got  
23 two or three minutes left on the tape,  
24 our videographer tells me. So do we want

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1 to break now for lunch? Do we want to  
2 start a new tape? Whatever y'all want to  
3 do.

4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: You know  
5 what, let's go off the record.

6 We are now going off the  
7 record. This is the end of Videotape No.  
8 2. The time is 11:58.

9 (Luncheon recess taken from  
10 11:58 a.m. to 1:10 p.m.)

11 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
12 back on the record. This is the  
13 beginning of Videotape No. 3. The time  
14 is 1:10.

15 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

16 Q Ms. Lambridis, we took a break for  
17 lunch and we're back. Are you ready to  
18 proceed?

19 A Yes.

20 Q We've been talking about a recall of  
21 Digitek this morning, among other things. And  
22 I believe what we discussed was that there was  
23 indication in early April or April 9th or  
24 thereabouts that the FDA was not happy with

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1 digoxin and there would likely be a recall of  
2 a batch of Digitek; is that right?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Did at some point in time that  
5 recall expand -- or that discussion of a  
6 recall expand from the one batch to all  
7 Digitek?

8 A Not during the inspection, no.

9 Q When was it that the recall of  
10 Digitek was expanded to all Digitek?

11 A A commitment was made to recall the  
12 one batch. And we were in the process of  
13 doing the necessary paperwork to execute that  
14 recall. And we received a call from the  
15 Agency, the recall coordinator, and she had  
16 inquired about the status of the recall and  
17 asked to speak with our CEO in Iceland.

18 Q And who was the recall coordinator?

19 A The district office had another --  
20 had a newly appointed or a recently appointed  
21 recall coordinator. I believe her first name  
22 was Margaret. I'm not sure.

23 But the person who called was Mimi  
24 Remache, who was in a higher level position

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1 but had been the recall coordinator for a  
2 number of years.

3 Q So the person who called Actavis was  
4 this Mimi Rémache; correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And how do you spell her last name?

7 A R-E-M-A-C-H-E.

8 Q And she said what when she called?

9 MR. DEAN: Objection; assumes  
10 facts not in evidence as to the question  
11 you directed to this witness.

12 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

13 Q Okay. Well, let me ask it this way:  
14 Did you talk with her?

15 A I spoke with her, yes.

16 Q What did she say to you?

17 A She asked me for the contact  
18 information for our CEO, and she said she  
19 wanted to speak to him with regard to the  
20 Digitek recall.

21 Q Do you have any estimate of what  
22 date this was?

23 A April 23rd or 24th.

24 Q So you were in the process of

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1 preparing documents to execute the recall of a  
2 single batch; correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And you started that process when?

5 A I recall mid-April as being the time  
6 frame.

7 Q And then this call would have come  
8 on the 23rd or 24th from the former recall  
9 coordinator at FDA, who then held a higher  
10 level position, Mimi Rémache, and she asked to  
11 speak to the CEO?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Did she tell you anything else?

14 A She expressed concern over the fact  
15 that the recall -- they wanted a press release  
16 and that that press release for the recall was  
17 taking an inordinate amount of time to get to  
18 them, because they need to approve it before  
19 it goes out.

20 Q So the press release was supposed to  
21 be prepared by Actavis?

22 A Well, that was part of the delay  
23 because the press release -- we had to  
24 coordinate with Mylan and decide who and how



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1 the press release was going to go.

2 Q So you were in the process of  
3 talking back and forth with Mylan when the  
4 recall coordinator or former recall  
5 coordinator called you about getting the CEO's  
6 number?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And did she indicate to you on the  
9 phone that she was proposing that the recall  
10 be extended to all lots of Digitek?

11 A No, we did not have that  
12 conversation.

13 Q When was it that you next heard  
14 about the recall after you had this call with  
15 Mimi?

16 A I got permission to provide her the  
17 information for contacting our CEO, reason  
18 being the office in Iceland was closed, so she  
19 needed another way to reach him.

20 Q So she needed his home number in  
21 Iceland?

22 A Well, it was a cell number that was  
23 given.

24 Q Okay. And who did you get

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1 permission from?

2 A Our senior management in the US.  
3 And they tried to contact the right people to  
4 get the information.

5 Q And who was the senior -- the person  
6 in senior management that you talked to?

7 A John LaRocca.

8 Q And what was his job?

9 A Legal counsel.

10 Q Was he chief legal counsel for the  
11 company?

12 A I believe so.

13 Q And after that did you -- what did  
14 you next hear back about the recall?

15 A I received a call back from Robert  
16 Wessman indicating that I should try to get  
17 them the press release within an hour, an  
18 hour's time.

19 Q Now, Robert Wessman is the CEO who  
20 was located in Iceland whose cell number you  
21 were giving out?

22 A Correct.

23 Q And what did he say about -- or what  
24 did you say about whether you could get the

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1 press release out in an hour?

2 A That we would do our best to try to  
3 do that, accommodate that.

4 Q Did it happen?

5 A No.

6 Q Why not?

7 A Because in a subsequent conversation  
8 with Mimi, she indicated to me that the recall  
9 was for all lots and not just one lot. And  
10 that was the first that I had heard of that.

11 Q And so was this the decision that  
12 had been made by Robert Wessman after talking  
13 to Mimi or was this a decision that was made  
14 by FDA?

15 A I do not know.

16 Q So Mimi called you back -- strike  
17 that.

18 You said you had a conversation with  
19 Mimi, and then you heard back from Robert  
20 Wessman saying that you need to get a press  
21 release out in an hour if you could.

22 A Uh-huh.

23 Q And then after that, you next heard  
24 that the recall was going to be as to all

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1       lots?

2               A       Correct.

3               Q       When was that that you next heard?  
4       Was it within the hour, or was it more than an  
5       hour later?

6               A       It -- I don't know but in a  
7       relatively short period of time, the same day,  
8       the same day in subsequent conversation.

9               Q       So was paperwork prepared to recall  
10       all lots of Digitek?

11              A       Eventually, yes.

12              Q       Was there any additional  
13       conversation between you and Robert Wessman or  
14       you and Mimi or you and any other senior  
15       manager of Actavis about the recall before  
16       this paperwork to recall all Digitek lots was  
17       prepared?

18              A       I was working with my staff on  
19       numerous things, including this recall, so I  
20       was not the only person speaking with Mimi.  
21       So I believe it's the conversation about it  
22       being all lots occurred with one of my staff  
23       who informed me, and then I had the  
24       conversation with Mimi asking: "Why all

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1       lots?"

2                       And she indicated to me that that  
3       was what was agreed to in her conversation  
4       with Robert. And I subsequently again went  
5       through the channels to reach Robert again  
6       myself and asked him, confirmed with him if he  
7       had, in fact, agreed to that, and he did.

8               Q       Did you ask why?

9               A       No.

10              Q       Do you know why?

11             A       No.

12              Q       Do you know of anybody in the  
13       company that knew why other than Robert  
14       Wessman?

15             A       No.

16              Q       Do you know anything about the  
17       conversation between Mimi and Robert Wessman  
18       other than what you've told me?

19             A       No.

20                       (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 113  
21       was marked for identification.)

22       BY MR. BLIZZARD:

23              Q       Now, I'm going to show you what's  
24       marked as Exhibit 113 to your deposition.

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1 A Do you need this back?

2 MR. DEAN: Put that one back  
3 together.

4 MR. BLIZZARD: For now, yes. I  
5 may come back to it.

6 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

7 Q This has a Bates number ending in  
8 526961. Now, this is entitled "URGENT: DRUG  
9 RECALL."

10 Correct?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Was it urgent?

13 A All recall letters are urgent.

14 Q And was this one, like the other  
15 recall letters, urgent?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And did you prepare this letter?

18 A It's a combination of people that  
19 participated in the preparation of it. Some  
20 of it is standard format. Some of it is our  
21 wording. And some of it actually is FDA's  
22 wording.

23 Q So it was prepared for your  
24 signature; is that true?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q And it is dated April 24th of 2008;  
3 is that correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And is that either the day of or the  
6 day after the conversations that we just  
7 discussed between you and Mimi and Robert  
8 Wessman?

9 A That was, yeah, the approximate date  
10 that I had given.

11 Q Okay. And if you look over at  
12 Pages -- I guess it begins on Page 4 of 9, do  
13 you see that there are lists of lots to which  
14 this applies, this recall?

15 A Yes.

16 Q So does it appear from this document  
17 that you have in front of you that this recall  
18 notice was intended to be sent out as a recall  
19 of all lots of Digitek?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. It says "Dear Valued  
22 Customer" on Page 1.

23 A Uh-huh.

24 Q Who was that addressed to?

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1           A     This is intended to be the letter  
2     that goes to whoever received the product so  
3     that they would have the information on the  
4     recall and know where to return the product.

5           Q     Okay. So this is intended primarily  
6     for pharmacies?

7           A     Whoever the customer is. So there  
8     has to be a chain of events that occurs. So  
9     in some cases, depending on who you sell to,  
10    if I send it to someone who's then distributed  
11    it further, then they would either use my  
12    recall letter to take it further or they would  
13    create their own recall letter for their own  
14    customers to return product back.

15          Q     So you send it only to the people  
16    you sold to?

17          A     Typically.

18          Q     And so you would have sent this  
19    letter that has a date of April 24, 2008, to  
20    the people that you sold Digitek to?

21          A     In the particular case of Digitek,  
22    it was sold to Mylan, who then sold it to  
23    others. So I don't know if this letter was  
24    sent to their customers or if they used their



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1 own letter.

2 Q So is it your recollection -- well,  
3 let me back up.

4 Did Actavis sell to anybody besides  
5 Mylan?

6 A For digoxin, no.

7 Q Yes. Okay. So make sure we have a  
8 clear record, was there any other customer of  
9 Actavis for digoxin other than Mylan?

10 A No.

11 Q So when you say "Dear Valued  
12 Customer" here in this letter, you could have  
13 just as easily said "Dear Mylan"?

14 A Correct.

15 Q Then it says: "This is to inform  
16 you of a product recall involving "-- and then  
17 it lists Digitek .125 milligrams; correct?  
18 And then it says: "See Attached List for Lot  
19 Numbers/Expiration Dates."

20 Do you see that?

21 A Uh-huh.

22 Q Is that a yes?

23 A Oh, I'm sorry. Yes.

24 Q Okay. Then the paragraph that

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1 starts, "This recall has been initiated due to  
2 overweight tablets," do you see that?

3 A Yes.

4 Q It says: "Potential risks to the  
5 patient depend upon the constituency of the  
6 tablets. Depending on the constituency of the  
7 tablets, double the dose is taken, it can be  
8 expected that digitalis toxicity can occur in  
9 individuals taking daily doses or in patients  
10 with renal insufficiency. Toxicity can cause  
11 nausea, vomiting, dizziness, low blood  
12 pressure, cardiac instability and bradycardia.  
13 Death can result from excessive digitalis  
14 intake."

15 Is that what the letter says?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Based upon your knowledge of  
18 Digitek, is that accurate?

19 MR. DEAN: Objection.

20 Go ahead.

21 THE WITNESS: I don't have the  
22 expertise.

23 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

24 Q Okay. Well, when you agreed to have

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1 your name associated with this letter, did you  
2 consult with people who did have expertise?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And so far as you know, is this  
5 information accurate?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Okay. Then it says: "If the  
8 increased thickness is due to clinically inert  
9 substances, then a decreased amount of  
10 digitalis may be absorbed, leading to  
11 exacerbation of the underlying cardiac disease  
12 (congestive heart failure)and arrhythmia) due  
13 to lack of therapeutic efficacy."

14 Is that what part of this letter  
15 says?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Again, I understand you're not a  
18 doctor. But based upon the other consultants  
19 that were utilized in the preparation of this  
20 letter, is that accurate?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And then it says: "Actavis has  
23 distributed the subject lots from" -- and then  
24 there's some dates that haven't been filled in

1 yet.

2 And it says: "This recall should be  
3 carried out to the consumer level."

4 Is that correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Why was it to be carried out to the  
7 consumer level?

8 A Because FDA had indicated that it  
9 would be a Class I recall. And a Class I  
10 recall goes to the consumer level.

11 Q What is it that differentiates  
12 Class I recalls from Class 2 recalls?

13 A The severity of the issue.

14 Q Okay. So the potential health  
15 hazard involved is part of the decision  
16 making?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And was that true with respect to  
19 this recall of Digitek?

20 A Based on what was characterized here  
21 as the health hazard, yes.

22 Q Right. Okay. Then it says here:  
23 "Upon receipt of this letter, please take the  
24 following action." It says: "Immediately

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1 examine your inventory and quarantine and  
2 discontinue distribution of the affected  
3 lots."

4 Again, that's being -- you're  
5 telling Mylan that in this letter; correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q And then it says: In addition, if  
8 you may have further distributed the recalled  
9 product, please identify your retail-level  
10 consumers and notify them at once of this  
11 product recall.

12 Do you see that?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And then it says: "Additionally, if  
15 the retail-level customers have further  
16 distributed the recalled product, please  
17 identify the consumer and notify them  
18 immediately of this product recall."

19 Is that what that says?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Okay. So basically this letter is  
22 telling your valued customer to quarantine  
23 what's left, and anything you distributed to  
24 somebody else, try to get it back, and notify

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1       them of the recall; and if it's been  
2       distributed further than that, then you should  
3       let those people you distributed it to know  
4       that they should try to get it back and inform  
5       people of the recall?

6             A       Correct.

7             Q       Now, did this letter go out on  
8       April 24th of 2008?

9             A       I don't think so.

10            Q       Do you know when it went out?

11            A       Within the next few days.

12            Q       Did you provide FDA with a copy?

13            A       They always see the draft, which I  
14       believe this is the draft, because all the  
15       information is not in here. But they usually  
16       see a draft before it goes out.

17            Q       Did you provide the entire recall  
18       package to FDA?

19            A       There's different terminology when  
20       you talk about a recall package. So are we  
21       talking about the letter and what goes in that  
22       mailing, or are we talking about the documents  
23       that FDA requires for the recall? Those are  
24       two different.

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1 Q Okay. Let me direct you to  
2 something that may help clarify for me my  
3 question and then maybe your answer. If  
4 you'll look at Page 19 of Exhibit 112, the  
5 EIR -- oh, actually, it's not 112.

6 MR. DEAN: 91.

7 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

8 Q It's 91.

9 A 91. Page 19?

10 Q Page 19, yes. Do you see at the top  
11 of Page 19, the paragraph that begins  
12 "Additionally"?

13 A Uh-huh.

14 Q It says: Additionally, despite the  
15 ten-day time frame to provide recall  
16 information to the FDA following notification  
17 of a voluntary recall, no completed recall  
18 packages for any of the recalls had been  
19 provided at the time of the exit meeting on  
20 May 20th, '08. Phyllis Lambridis, vice  
21 president, quality and compliance,  
22 acknowledged the delay.

23 Do you see that?

24 A Yes.

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1           Q     Could you explain to me what that's  
2     referring to?

3           A     That's why I asked the question,  
4     because there's a terminology used when you  
5     conduct a recall that's called a recall  
6     package. And in the context of what they're  
7     talking about here, that recall package is  
8     documentation that FDA requires whenever a  
9     recall is done.

10                   So that recall package, if it's one  
11     batch, it's typically that entire batch  
12     record, all the distribution for that product,  
13     the active ingredient, where the active  
14     ingredient came from, a whole series of  
15     documents that makes up everything from  
16     beginning to end on -- from when you first  
17     received the raw material through the actual  
18     distribution into the market.

19                   So those packages had to be made for  
20     any recall that we did. And, as you know, we  
21     did a substantial amount in addition to the --

22           Q     Digitek?

23           A     -- Digitek. So all those packages  
24     had to be assembled and sent to the Agency,



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1 and that's what they're referring to here.

2 Q So you acknowledge in your meeting  
3 with FDA that you were late with the recall  
4 packages?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you know when this letter that  
7 was prepared for your signature actually went  
8 out?

9 A I don't know the exact date.

10 Q Did it go out under your signature?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Did it go out only to Mylan?

13 A I believe so.

14 Q And do you know what Mylan did with  
15 it after that?

16 A No.

17 Q Now, do you know what a tableting  
18 equipment with weight controls are or is?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Tell me what tableting equipment  
21 with weight controls is.

22 A It's a tablet press that has a  
23 computerized mechanism in it to weigh tablets  
24 and adjust weights, so it's automated.

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1           Q     So if you put the appropriate  
2 settings in and the tablet somehow comes out  
3 over- or underweight, the press automatically  
4 adjusts for that so that you're getting  
5 uniformly weighted tablets?

6           A     That's my understanding.

7                     (Phone interruption.)

8                     MR. BLIZZARD: That doesn't  
9 mean the deposition's over.

10                    MR. ANDERTON: That's what she  
11 said.

12 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

13           Q     So I'm going to show you a document  
14 that's marked as -- or I'm going to mark as  
15 Exhibit 114 to your deposition.

16                    So this e-mail has actually number  
17 on it, 140102.

18                    MR. DEAN: No, that's not the  
19 number mine has, is it?

20                    THE WITNESS: Is that the  
21 correct one?

22                    MR. BLIZZARD: No. It is the  
23 correct one, but I picked up another one.

24                    MR. DEAN: Do you need this

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1 back?

2 MR. BLIZZARD: Well, I guess I  
3 have a duplicate. What number do you  
4 have?

5 THE WITNESS: The page number?

6 MR. BLIZZARD: Yes.

7 MR. DEAN: The Bates number.

8 THE WITNESS: 142150.

9 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 114  
10 was marked for identification.)

11 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

12 Q All right. We have it up on the  
13 screen here. But is this an e-mail that's  
14 dated April -- actually, there's a couple of  
15 e-mails on this document; correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q The one at the bottom is the first  
18 one in time, is it not?

19 A Yes.

20 Q It's from a Kevin Anderson to you  
21 dated April 30th of 2008 at 9:16 a.m.; is that  
22 right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q And this is shortly after the recall

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1 of all Digitek lots had been announced; is  
2 that true?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And it's regarding a conversation  
5 with a Mike Adams from Mylan; is that true?

6 A Yes.

7 Q It says: "I know you are trying to  
8 vaca this week."

9 Is that the verb for vacation?

10 A I think so.

11 Q So you were trying to vacay the week  
12 of April 30th. And then Mr. Anderson was  
13 talking to you about this conversation with  
14 Mike Adams wanting an update on Digitek;  
15 correct?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And then there's another e-mail on  
18 April the 30th at 10:42 from a Dan Bitler to  
19 you and Kevin Anderson; is that true?

20 MR. DEAN: No. It's from -- I  
21 think you misread that.

22 THE WITNESS: This one here in  
23 the middle?  
24

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1 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

2 Q Yeah. There's an e-mail from Dan  
3 Bitler in the middle, isn't there?

4 A Yes.

5 MR. DEAN: Okay.

6 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

7 Q Okay? From Dan Bitler to you and  
8 Kevin Anderson; correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q It says: "I talked with Mike Adams  
11 this morning and gave him an overview of where  
12 we are with the inspection. I indicated that  
13 we expected the FDA back next week to issue  
14 the 483 and he indicated that he would like to  
15 talk with Phyllis briefly next week to discuss  
16 the timeline moving forward for Digoxin. He  
17 was satisfied with the information I provided  
18 and I indicated that we would contact him next  
19 week."

20 Is that what it says?

21 A Yes.

22 Q And then you write an e-mail at the  
23 top, is that right, top of this page?

24 A Yes.

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1 Q And it's April 30th at 11:21 a.m.;  
2 is that right?

3 A Correct.

4 Q And then it says: "It is my  
5 understanding that Robert and Siggi" -- that's  
6 Robert Wessman and Siggi Olafsson?

7 A Correct.

8 Q -- "have committed to stop producing  
9 Digoxin until we have tableting equipment with  
10 weight controls."

11 Did I read that correctly?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Then it says: "Please do not have  
14 any conversations with customers unless you  
15 have the full story."

16 Is that what it says?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Okay. The customers would be Mylan;  
19 right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And what was the full story?

22 A I didn't know what the full story  
23 was, so I was cautioning him on making any  
24 commitments or having conversations without

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1 all the information.

2 Q Okay. Did you subsequently have any  
3 conversations with Mr. Wessman or Mr. Olafsson  
4 about the commitment to not produce any more  
5 digoxin until there was tableting equipment  
6 with weight controls?

7 A I was present during some of the  
8 discussions with senior management regarding  
9 Digitek. And the context of this was that  
10 they would not produce -- if they were going  
11 to move forward with digoxin, that they would  
12 want to purchase equipment with weight  
13 controls.

14 Q Okay. And I take it that there  
15 wasn't any existing equipment at the Little  
16 Falls or Riverview plant that was a press with  
17 weight controls; is that true?

18 A I'm not sure if there were none, but  
19 the presses -- majority of the presses there  
20 were not automated. So there might have been  
21 one. I'm not sure.

22 Q But there wasn't enough presses that  
23 were automated to produce digoxin with presses  
24 that were all weight controlled; is that true?

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1           A     Yes. But you have to keep in mind  
2     that the presses with weight control are  
3     automated presses that companies may or may  
4     not have, and that in the absence of the  
5     automated weight controls, it's done manually.

6           Q     Was it important that digoxin, in  
7     particular, have properly weighted pills?

8                     MR. DEAN: Objection.

9                     Go ahead.

10                    THE WITNESS: It's important  
11     for any product produced to have...

12     BY MR. BLIZZARD:

13           Q     Do you know whether digoxin has a  
14     narrow therapeutic window?

15           A     I couldn't answer that. I don't...

16           Q     Or a narrow toxicity window?

17           A     I believe it's a toxic -- yes, it's  
18     a relatively potent compound.

19           Q     So if the pills are not properly  
20     weighted, it could have a health impact on a  
21     patient; right?

22                     MR. DEAN: Objection.

23                     Go ahead.

24                    THE WITNESS: Yes.



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1 MR. BLIZZARD: I'm going to  
2 show you the next document, which I'm  
3 going to mark as 115.

4 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 115  
5 was marked for identification.)

6 MR. DEAN: Excuse me. Can we  
7 take just a two-minute break to see if  
8 there's a heat control?

9 MR. MILLER: I just asked  
10 Meghan to go check.

11 MR. BLIZZARD: Yes. I'm  
12 agreeing with you, but I don't want to  
13 get into a tug of war over the  
14 thermostat. I've had that before.

15 MR. ANDERTON: Ever win one?

16 MR. BLIZZARD: No.

17 MR. DEAN: We're going to lose  
18 some of us pretty quickly if we don't get  
19 an adjustment here.

20 MR. BLIZZARD: Let's take a  
21 quick break and see if we can fix it if  
22 that's okay with you.

23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the  
24 record, 1:44.

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1 (Discussion off the record.)

2 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on the  
3 record, 1:46.

4 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

5 Q Ms. Lambridis, we went off the  
6 record so we could talk about the temperature  
7 controls and we're back.

8 Are you ready to proceed?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Now, have you looked at this  
11 document that's dated April 28th, 2008?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Okay. I'm sorry. I didn't hear  
14 you.

15 Do you see it's from Mike Adams?

16 A Yes.

17 Q And he was the -- as I recall, we've  
18 identified him as a Mylan employee?

19 A Correct.

20 Q And he's writing to Vincent  
21 Mancinelli regarding a discussion with Actavis  
22 quality; is that right?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Now, do you know Mr. Mancinelli?

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1 A No.

2 Q It says here that Chuck Koon and  
3 Becky Pinnell had an informal conversation  
4 with Dan Bitler, Actavis quality, regarding  
5 the ongoing FDA inspection of the Little Falls  
6 facility. And he's providing a brief summary  
7 below; correct?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Do you know Chuck Koon or Becky  
10 Pinnell?

11 A No.

12 Q It says: The company has halted  
13 production of all products at the Totowa  
14 Little Falls, New Jersey, site.

15 Is that accurate?

16 A Yes.

17 Q It says: "At this time they are not  
18 sure when they will resume manufacture of  
19 Digitek."

20 Is that correct?

21 Was that correct as of April 28th?

22 A Well, it's correct in that's what's  
23 stated here. Yeah, I guess that would be  
24 correct.

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1           Q     Okay. So to make it clear, it was  
2     correct that as of April 28th, the company was  
3     not sure when they would resume manufacture of  
4     Digitek; is that right?

5           A     We were in the process of recalling  
6     product, so I doubt very much we were talking  
7     about resuming.

8           Q     Then it says: "There is a rumor  
9     coming out of Actavis quality that the company  
10    has committed to purchase a new tablet press  
11    with appropriate weight control."

12                   Do you see that?

13           A     Yes.

14           Q     Okay. And, again, that reflects  
15    what was being reported in the Actavis  
16    e-mails --

17                   MR. DEAN: Objection.

18           BY MR. BLIZZARD:

19           Q     -- true?

20                   MR. DEAN: Calls for hearsay.

21                   Go ahead.

22                   THE WITNESS: Oh, referring  
23    back to my e-mail?

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1 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

2 Q Yes. Your e-mail of April 30th  
3 indicated that the company would not resume  
4 manufacture without automated tableting  
5 equipment with weight control; correct?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Now, this one actually suggested  
8 Actavis is saying -- there's a rumor that  
9 Actavis has committed to purchase a new tablet  
10 press with appropriate weight control;  
11 correct?

12 A That's what it says.

13 MR. DEAN: Objection. Actavis  
14 doesn't say anything. Mylan is saying  
15 something.

16 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

17 Q I said in this Mylan document -- let  
18 me make it clear.

19 This Mylan document says that  
20 there's a rumor coming out of Actavis that the  
21 company has committed to purchase a new tablet  
22 press with appropriate weight control.

23 Is that what it says?

24 A Yes.

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1 Q Did any -- was there any attempt  
2 that you're aware of to buy a new press with  
3 appropriate weight control during the time  
4 that you remained employed by Actavis?

5 A Not for Digitek.

6 Q Okay. Were there other automated  
7 presses bought with weight controls that were  
8 used to manufacture drugs other than Digitek  
9 after the FDA inspection?

10 MR. DEAN: Objection.

11 Go ahead.

12 THE WITNESS: I can answer?

13 MR. DEAN: You can answer,  
14 sure.

15 THE WITNESS: We did evaluate  
16 that. I don't recall what was purchased  
17 or if anything was purchased.

18 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

19 Q Okay. So you don't know one way or  
20 the other?

21 A No.

22 Q In August of 2008, you were still  
23 employed with the company?

24 A In August, yes.

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1 Q And there were -- the remediation  
2 effort or the effort on the corrective action  
3 plan, was it still underway at that time?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And had some of the items on the  
6 corrective action plan actually been  
7 completed?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Were there others that were  
10 incomplete in August of 2008?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Were there still significant  
13 weaknesses within the quality department and  
14 the quality system as of August of 2008?

15 A We were still in the process of  
16 putting together a robust quality system to  
17 inspect -- that would hold up to inspection.  
18 So I think that there was still a lot of work  
19 that needed to be done along those lines. I  
20 don't know that I can say there were  
21 weaknesses.

22 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 116  
23 was marked for identification.)  
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1 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

2 Q Let me show you what I'm going to  
3 mark as Exhibit No. 116 to your deposition.  
4 And this ends in Bates numbers that are too  
5 small for me to read, 302466, I believe.

6 A 69.

7 Q 69. It's an e-mail dated August 14,  
8 2008.

9 Is this an e-mail dated August 14,  
10 2008, from Anthony Castellanno? Castellazzo.  
11 I'm sorry.

12 A Yes, correct.

13 Q And he sent it to a number of people  
14 and cc'd you?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And the subject of this e-mail is  
17 Assessment Meetings; is that correct?

18 A Yes.

19 Q It says here: "To All." And does  
20 it say: "It would be an understatement to say  
21 that I'm disappointed and perplexed over the  
22 low turn out for these assessment follow-up  
23 meetings"?

24 What was an assessment follow-up



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1 meeting?

2 A One of the activities that we  
3 undertook in the corrective action plan was to  
4 have PAREXEL do an assessment of the existing  
5 quality systems and help us to identify areas  
6 that would require, you know, additional work  
7 or improvement to strengthen them up to be  
8 able to pass muster at the next inspection.

9 So it's sort of an internal audit of  
10 sorts whereby they provided assessments. And  
11 then the activity that's being referred to  
12 here is that people were assigned tasks to  
13 address the issues, whether it be writing an  
14 SOP or revising an SOP or doing some work to  
15 put some information together.

16 And Tony Castellazzo, as we  
17 mentioned earlier, part of his role now with  
18 all of the activities was to track, track the  
19 progress. So he would hold weekly meetings  
20 with the people that were assigned these tasks  
21 to get status reports.

22 Q Okay. And he was saying that people  
23 weren't showing up; right?

24 A Correct.

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1           Q     He says: "Initially, attendance was  
2     good. Then people were asked to commit to  
3     actions and report their status. Perhaps I  
4     haven't stressed the importance of addressing  
5     these observations many of which speak to  
6     significant weakness in our Quality System."

7                     Is that what he wrote?

8           A     That was what he wrote, yes.

9           Q     Okay. And it says: "Several of  
10    these same weaknesses have also been noted in  
11    the recent 483."

12                    And that's the 483 issued by FDA; is  
13    that right?

14          A     Yes.

15          Q     It says in the next paragraph: "In  
16    order to resolve the observations and  
17    strengthen our systems I need everyone's  
18    cooperation not just a select few."

19                    Is that what he says?

20          A     That's what's written, yes.

21          Q     Did you support him on that?

22          A     Support -- you have to be more  
23    specific. Did I support him in his opinion,  
24    or did I support him in the fact that everyone

1 needed to participate to work through the  
2 tasks?

3 Q That people needed to show up and it  
4 wasn't just a select few, but everyone who was  
5 assigned tasks needed to show up and take the  
6 actions they were committed to.

7 A I believe, yes, everyone needed to  
8 participate and do the work that was assigned.

9 But I want to just qualify that Tony  
10 Castellazzo tended to blow things out of  
11 proportion. And some of the reasons behind  
12 the meetings were that the meetings were not  
13 that productive in -- some of it was related  
14 to how he was conducting the meetings. So  
15 people were frustrated. Because I also had  
16 feedback from other areas telling me that the  
17 meetings weren't productive.

18 So you have to take this in the  
19 context of his frustration as opposed to  
20 people not taking active involvement in the  
21 activities.

22 Q Okay. Well, he was expressing to at  
23 least the group internally that, in his  
24 opinion, there were weaknesses in the quality

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1 system still in August of 2008; correct?

2 A He is. But at this point in time,  
3 there was no production, no ongoing  
4 production, so everything was stopped.

5 Q And you were actually unhappy at the  
6 same time frame about the company's problems  
7 being publicly aired, weren't you?

8 A I don't know what you mean by that.

9 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 117  
10 was marked for identification.)

11 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

12 Q Let me show you what I'm going to  
13 mark as Exhibit No. 117 to your deposition.  
14 And this is Document 527229.

15 A Uh-oh.

16 Q Is this top e-mail an e-mail  
17 authored by you on August the 13th of 2008?

18 A Yes, it is.

19 Q Okay. And that's the same time  
20 frame the previous exhibit, 117 was dated  
21 August 14 of 2008 from Mr. --

22 A I'm sorry?

23 Q Mr. Castellazzo's e-mail was dated  
24 August 14th, so it's in the same time frame as

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1 his e-mail; correct? I'm not saying there's a  
2 connection between them.

3 A Yes. Okay.

4 Q It's in the same time frame, isn't  
5 it?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So your e-mail says: "This sucks."  
8 Right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q "The quotes they lifted are in every  
11 warning letter and recall press release."

12 A Yes.

13 Q And that's the totality of the  
14 e-mail; correct?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And the e-mail relates to a news  
17 article that is entitled "GMP Storm Cloud:  
18 Generic Firms May Get Further Scrutiny After  
19 Actavis Recall."

20 Is that the title of the article?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you know in what newspapers that  
23 article appeared?

24 A I believe it's trade industry press.

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1 It's not regular news. I'm not sure.

2 Q What is it that you're referring to  
3 when you say, "This sucks"?

4 A It's -- I would have to read through  
5 it. Can I --

6 Q Sure.

7 A I didn't read through all of it, but  
8 I refreshed my memory enough to know that the  
9 part about it that I didn't like was that  
10 Actavis was being lumped in with Ranbaxy and  
11 other companies that had, at least in my  
12 opinion, more significant issues, particularly  
13 with Department of Justice being involved with  
14 Ranbaxy's products in India.

15 Q And actually Ranbaxy issues,  
16 actually there was evidence of outright fraud,  
17 wasn't there?

18 A Right.

19 Q But the actual information that was  
20 included in the quotes, as you say in your  
21 e-mail, was taken out of the warning letter  
22 and the recall press release; correct?

23 MR. DEAN: Objection.

24 Go ahead.

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1                               That's a miscategorization of  
2                               that sentence.

3       BY MR. BLIZZARD:

4               Q       Does the sentence say: They -- "The  
5       quotes they lifted are in every warning letter  
6       and recall press release"?

7               A       Yes.

8               Q       And in the second paragraph, is  
9       there a quote there that says: Actavis said  
10      August 1 that it is recalling all 65 products  
11      manufactured at the plant following an  
12      inspection that, quote, revealed operations  
13      which did not meet the FDA's or Actavis'  
14      standards for good manufacturing processes?

15                      Did I read that correctly?

16              A       Yes.

17              Q       And do you agree that the inspection  
18      by FDA did reveal operations which did not  
19      meet the FDA or Actavis' standards for good  
20      manufacturing practices?

21              A       Yes. But that is also a standard  
22      statement that is in most recall notices.

23              Q       Well, is that something that you  
24      think the public should be entitled to know?

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1 MR. DEAN: Objection.

2 Go ahead.

3 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure --  
4 the reason for the recall? Is that what  
5 you're asking me, the public should know  
6 the reason for the recall?

7 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

8 Q Yes. Yes.

9 A Yes, you need to state the reason  
10 for the recall.

11 Q Right. I guess what I'm trying to  
12 make sure is that you're not saying that  
13 telling the public that the company was not  
14 meeting good manufacturing practices sucks?  
15 You're not saying that, are you?

16 A No. I -- can I elaborate?

17 Q Sure.

18 A What I'm saying is that taken out of  
19 context, to take just the snippets of what  
20 happened at Actavis and try to liken it to  
21 fraud in Ranbaxy was an -- it's an unfair  
22 article.

23 Q Okay.

24 A And this article, as I said, was



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1 trade press for the pharmaceutical industry,  
2 not a newspaper article for the public.

3 Q So what you're saying is Ranbaxy was  
4 intentionally trying to defraud the --

5 A I have no knowledge of that.

6 Q Okay. Well, that's what the reports  
7 that you heard?

8 A Exactly.

9 Q Okay. But you know that FDA, as we  
10 talked about earlier today, found that the  
11 quality system of Actavis was a total failure;  
12 correct?

13 A I also know that this investigation  
14 by the Justice Department against Ranbaxy was  
15 dropped.

16 Q Okay. But what happened -- wasn't  
17 there a proceeding by the Justice Department  
18 against Actavis?

19 A Subsequently, yes.

20 Q When was that?

21 A Discussions began with the  
22 Department of Justice in September.

23 Q And did you resign shortly after  
24 that proceeding was initiated?

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1 A In November.

2 Q Did you resign in part because of  
3 the proceeding?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Why?

6 A Because the Justice Department was  
7 proceeding with a consent decree which not  
8 only named the company but also named the  
9 individuals, one of which was me. And after  
10 several rounds of discussion as to who should  
11 be and who should not be named on the  
12 document, my name was -- several of the names  
13 had been dropped, and my name was still on the  
14 consent decree.

15 And I had asked that it be removed,  
16 mainly because my experience in industry  
17 tells -- has -- based on other cases was that  
18 once your name is on a consent decree, it  
19 becomes part of your public record and  
20 history. And I did not really want that in my  
21 background check. It would be a limiting  
22 factor in my future employment. And even  
23 though cases have gone to trial and those  
24 cases have, I guess, exonerated the

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1 individuals, it still sort of follows them.

2 So while I was more than willing to  
3 stay with the company and carry out -- because  
4 I've done so in other organizations, as we  
5 mentioned earlier with Barr, more than willing  
6 to go through the consent decree activities, I  
7 felt that I was a better use to them as a  
8 person doing the work as opposed to the person  
9 being named on the decree.

10 Q Was your name taken off the consent  
11 decree after you resigned?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And was that part of a condition of  
14 your resignation?

15 A Yes. It was the only way the name  
16 would have come off.

17 Q Now, before the Justice Department  
18 took action against Actavis, you said  
19 discussions started in September of 2008?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Were there additional problems that  
22 developed during the remediation effort?

23 MR. DEAN: Remediation of  
24 Digitek?

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1 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

2 Q Were there additional problems  
3 with -- let me ask you this: Did the quality  
4 system that was in effect at Actavis, did it  
5 cover all the drugs manufactured by Actavis?

6 A The quality system would cover the  
7 entire facility, yes.

8 Q Okay. So there weren't any drugs  
9 that were excluded from the operation of the  
10 quality system; quality applied to each of the  
11 drugs; right?

12 A Yes.

13 Q So were there problems with the  
14 quality system in September of 2008?

15 MR. DEAN: Objection. It's  
16 vague and ambiguous. You've already  
17 established they weren't making product  
18 at that point, Ed. Could you clarify  
19 that?

20 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 118  
21 was marked for identification.)

22 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

23 Q Let me just show you a document  
24 that's marked as Exhibit 118. This is

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1 1267772.

2 Do you see the first e-mail here is  
3 from Tony Delicato to Erislandy Dorado with a  
4 carbon copy to you and Chris Young?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And it's dated September 16 of 2008;  
7 is that right?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And then the subject says: "These  
10 are just examples - not all - inclusive."

11 Is that what it says?

12 A Yes.

13 Q And it says: Quality unit  
14 responsibilities SOP outdated/not accurate.

15 Do you know what that refers to?

16 A There was an SOP, a standard  
17 operating procedure. And the one that was in  
18 place did not reflect what was -- what we  
19 wanted to have going forward, so it needed to  
20 be revised.

21 Q Then it says: Quality review  
22 board - SOP effective but no meetings held as  
23 functional areas have not had time to generate  
24 metrics.

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1 Is that what it says?

2 A Yes.

3 Q What was your understanding of that  
4 issue?

5 A The quality review board is  
6 typically a management-level review that would  
7 look at trends and look at whatever the  
8 metrics were that were decided upon.

9 So what he's saying here is that we  
10 put the SOP in place, but we haven't had  
11 meetings because they have to still gather the  
12 metrics to do that.

13 Q Okay.

14 A These metrics here, again, in this  
15 time frame would be all of the past history.

16 Q There's a recall SOP update. It  
17 says: Revision in process but not ready?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Is that what that says?

20 And it says: The site master  
21 plans - with the exception of analytical...are  
22 the others accurate and reflect current  
23 thinking? Same for SOPs that govern EQ, PV,  
24 and CV.

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1                   What's EQ, PV, and CV?

2           A     Equipment qualification, process  
3 validation, and cleaning validation.

4           Q     Then it says: Complaint and APR  
5 SOP - requires revision; IP but not ready.

6                   What's IP stand for?

7           A     In process.

8           Q     Then it says: Complaints -  
9 approximately 250 digoxin complaints overdue  
10 due to Class I recall - massive volume  
11 received.

12                   Is that what that says?

13          A     Yes.

14          Q     Then it says: Training level of  
15 departments - at or just below 80 percent...we  
16 are working on closing gaps to get 95 percent  
17 but not there yet.

18                   And then he says: "I could go on  
19 but you get the point."

20                   Is that what he says?

21          A     Uh-huh.

22          Q     And then he says: "Please don't get  
23 me fired. We are doing the best we can under  
24 the circumstances."

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1 A Uh-huh.

2 Q And then you respond to it; correct?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And what do you say?

5 A "Don't worry. You can stay. I'll  
6 go."

7 Q Were you actually contemplating that  
8 at the time?

9 A No. Actually, that was all in jest.

10 (PLAINTIFF'S Exhibit No. 119  
11 was marked for identification.)

12 BY MR. BLIZZARD:

13 Q Finally I want to show you a  
14 document that's marked as Exhibit No. -- I'm  
15 going to mark as Exhibit No. 119. And this is  
16 00 -- I'm sorry -- 309296.

17 A Yes.

18 Q Does this appear to be a document  
19 that's dated November 2008, "Monthly  
20 Deviations and CAPA Data"?

21 A Yes.

22 Q What does "CAPA" stand for?

23 A Corrective and preventive action.

24 Q So is this part of the corrective



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1 action plan?

2 A No. CAPA is a normal, coined, sort  
3 of GMP phrase, corrective and preventive  
4 action. CAPA should be part of every quality  
5 system.

6 Q Okay. And this appears to be a  
7 monthly report from November; is that  
8 accurate?

9 A Yes.

10 Q If you'll go over to Page 2,  
11 November of 2008 was less than a month before  
12 you left or a month before you left?

13 A I'm sorry?

14 Q I'm sorry. Let me rephrase that.  
15 When did you leave Actavis? When  
16 did you resign?

17 A November 13.

18 Q Did you see this plan before you  
19 resigned?

20 A I've never seen this.

21 Q Have you seen any monthly reports  
22 similar to this before you resigned?

23 A Similar, yes.

24 Q If you look at the second page, it

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1 says: "Corrective and Preventive Actions -  
2 Little Falls."

3 A Uh-huh.

4 Q And there's a percent overdue in the  
5 middle of this. It says 67 percent; right?

6 A Yes.

7 Q So it's 67 percent of the corrective  
8 and preventive actions the company had agreed  
9 should be done for the Little Falls facility  
10 were still -- were overdue?

11 A No, that's not correct.

12 Q Explain that for me.

13 A This is a self-imposed activity. So  
14 what's being reflected here is out of all of  
15 the tasks that we chose to work on, based on  
16 everything that we were doing to get the site  
17 ready, to reintroduce product, there were  
18 numerous activities and there were proposed  
19 deadlines. And this is just tracking that.

20 So these were not commitments to  
21 FDA. That was a management reporting  
22 mechanism. And at this particular point in  
23 time, the operations had ceased. So the  
24 activities, if they were overdue, were only

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1 preventing the company from reengaging in the  
2 manufacture of product. So it was only -- we  
3 were only holding up ourselves. All product  
4 was off the market at this point in time, and  
5 all of these activities were activities to  
6 bring product back. So if they were overdue,  
7 they were overdue.

8 Q It was just the company losing  
9 money?

10 A Precisely.

11 MR. BLIZZARD: Why don't we  
12 take a couple minutes. I may be finished  
13 with my questioning.

14 MR. DEAN: Sure.

15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
16 going off the record. This is the end of  
17 Videotape No. 3. The time is 2:17.

18 (Short recess.)

19 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now  
20 back on the record. This is the  
21 beginning of Videotape No. 4. The time  
22 is 2:28.

23 MR. BLIZZARD: Ms. Lambridis,  
24 we're back on the record. I've looked at

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1 my notes. I don't have any additional  
2 questions for you at this time. And I  
3 want to thank you for your time.

4 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.

5 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off tape,  
6 2:28.

7 (Discussion off the record.)

8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Back on  
9 tape, 2:29.

10 BY MR. PETTIT:

11 Q Good afternoon, Ms. Lambridis. I  
12 name is Jim Pettit. I'm an attorney with  
13 Locks Law Firm, and I'm going to ask you some  
14 questions on behalf of the PSC and on behalf  
15 of New Jersey plaintiffs. There may or may  
16 not be an objection to that. But, in any  
17 event, I'm going to be asking you questions on  
18 behalf of the PSC.

19 MR. DEAN: Before you start,  
20 let me just restate my objection. I have  
21 no objection to you asking any questions  
22 on behalf of the New Jersey state  
23 plaintiffs. The depositions were not  
24 cross-noticed. I'd like to reiterate

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1           that. I have no objection to you asking  
2           any questions in your role as PSC.

3                       So go ahead.

4       BY MR. PETTIT:

5           Q       Those were legal objections.

6                       Ms. Lambridis, I'm going to try very  
7       hard not to ask you questions that are the  
8       same or even similar to Mr. Blizzard's. I had  
9       a lot of questions that were similar and some  
10      of the same documents. So I'm going to be  
11      zigzagging a lot more than Mr. Blizzard was.  
12      And, also, I'm going to be using the Elmo  
13      rather than the nice digital computer  
14      projection that he used, so it's not going to  
15      be quite as smooth.

16                     All right?

17           A       Okay.

18           Q       Mr. Blizzard asked you some  
19      questions about your employment, and you said  
20      you began with Actavis in September 2007. I  
21      was wondering if you could tell us the exact  
22      date.

23           A       The 17th.

24           Q       So you came into the Actavis company

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1 during the FDA inspection that took place  
2 between September 5th, 2007, and  
3 September 28th, 2007; correct?

4 A Correct.

5 Q And were you involved with that in  
6 terms of physically walking around with the  
7 FDA inspectors?

8 A No.

9 Q Is there a reason that you were not?  
10 Is there a reason that you're aware of that  
11 you were not?

12 A There was no reason given, but I  
13 just started. I had a week of orientation.  
14 And honestly I wouldn't be able to host an  
15 inspection with no knowledge of the facility,  
16 so there was no point in my participating as  
17 far as from my own perspective.

18 Q When you left Actavis, which was, I  
19 think you told us, December 1st, 2008 --

20 A December 1st was technically the  
21 last day of employment, but I resigned on the  
22 13th. And my last day on-site was the 17th, I  
23 believe, of November.

24 Q You resigned in November and left in

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1 November?

2 A Correct.

3 Q Physically left?

4 A Physically left.

5 Q Did you have sources of income  
6 between December 1st, 2008, and when you went  
7 to Halo in May 2009?

8 A I had started consulting again. I  
9 had applied for unemployment and was  
10 received -- and received unemployment. And I  
11 subsequently negotiated a consent -- a  
12 consulting agreement with Actavis.

13 Q Have you received any income from  
14 Actavis since December 1st, 2008?

15 A Me personally?

16 Q Yes.

17 A As a consultant. So the consulting  
18 agreement, I believe, was signed in 2009,  
19 April, March or April of 2009. And then  
20 payments made -- are made to Framework, which  
21 is my consulting company.

22 Q And when was the last date that you  
23 received any income from Actavis?

24 A "Last" meaning most recent?

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1 Q Yes.

2 A The beginning of this month. The  
3 payment is monthly.

4 Q And what consulting have you done in  
5 the last month for Actavis?

6 A The way the agreement is drawn up,  
7 it is to retain my services for -- if needed  
8 because of my involvement with all of the  
9 activities that we're discussing here.

10 When I left, they were still  
11 negotiating through the consent decree. They  
12 were still trying to resume manufacturing at  
13 the Totowa facility. And they did have the  
14 pending litigations which they knew they may  
15 need my help with. So I was retained as a  
16 consultant with the understanding that I would  
17 be available to them when they needed me.

18 Q And when you say "pending  
19 litigations" in your last answer, do you  
20 mean -- does that include personal injury  
21 Digitek litigation, or are you just talking  
22 about U.S. Government?

23 A I'm talking about all of it.

24 Q Everything.



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1 A Uh-huh.

2 Q Are you invoicing in any way your  
3 time spent in preparing for this deposition?

4 A No.

5 Q How about giving the deposition?

6 A No.

7 Q I want to ask you some, I think,  
8 pretty basic questions about the three  
9 facilities in New Jersey. Okay?

10 A (Witness shakes head.)

11 Q When you have been using the term  
12 the "Little Falls facility" today, you're  
13 always talking about the Main Street facility?

14 A Little Falls is typically the Main  
15 Street facility.

16 Q And the Taft Street -- and I'm  
17 oversimplifying this -- was more packaging  
18 than actual manufacturing operations; correct?

19 A Yes. Taft has specifically  
20 packaging and some R&D labs.

21 Q So there was never any Digitek  
22 manufacturing at Taft; correct?

23 A As far as I know.

24 Q Would you or in your -- all right.

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1                   During your time period, there was  
2 never any manufacturing?

3           A       Never any manufacturing there.

4           Q       Was there ever any actual Digitek  
5 manufacturing production at Riverview?

6           A       There were batches manufactured at  
7 Riverview for the purpose of getting that site  
8 approved to manufacture there subsequent to  
9 the inspection.

10          Q       Okay. So --

11          A       So those batches were never  
12 marketed.

13          Q       And that's in relation to a  
14 requirement that for Digitek to be produced in  
15 a different facility, you had to go to the FDA  
16 and get certain approvals?

17          A       Correct.

18          Q       What is the status of the building  
19 at Little Falls on Main Street?

20          A       As far as I'm aware now, that  
21 building is operating still, has had  
22 subsequent FDA inspections. I believe they  
23 reintroduced one product, two strengths of one  
24 product.

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1 Q And if you went to that facility  
2 today, would there be any signs identifying it  
3 as an Actavis facility on the outside of the  
4 building?

5 A I haven't been there, but typically  
6 there would be.

7 Q When was the last time you were in  
8 that Main Street facility?

9 A Prior to November 13th of --

10 Q 2008.

11 A -- 2008.

12 Q And did the sign outside the  
13 building then say "Actavis"?

14 A Yes.

15 Q What is the status of the building  
16 on Riverview Drive? And is that in Totowa?

17 A Riverview Drive is in Totowa and --

18 Q What is the -- go ahead.

19 A -- I don't know the status. I  
20 believe the laboratory is still there, but  
21 I -- I don't know the current status.

22 Q What was the status -- when is the  
23 last time you were there? The end of 2008?

24 A Yes.

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1           Q     What was the status then of that  
2 building?

3           A     For lack of a better term, I guess  
4 limbo would be the best. Because the  
5 inspection didn't result in them being able to  
6 move into that building, it was still an  
7 unknown as to whether they were going to  
8 proceed and what they were going to do.

9           Q     Is "limbo" a religious term or a  
10 legal term? No. Just kidding.

11          A     Business term.

12          Q     When you were answering some  
13 questions to Mr. Blizzard, you told him -- and  
14 I'm paraphrasing. The record will speak for  
15 itself as to what you said precisely. But you  
16 said on April the 9th, 2008, you had a written  
17 commitment that there was a probable Class I  
18 Digitek recall.

19                Do you remember testifying about  
20 that today?

21          A     I didn't -- I didn't say it was  
22 Class I. I had made a comment to a colleague  
23 that it looked like the Digitek was going to  
24 result in recall of that batch.

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1 Q And was that on April the 9th, 2008?

2 A According to the memo that was  
3 presented, it was April 9th.

4 Q And does that date seem correct to  
5 you now?

6 A It seems, yes, factual.

7 Q Now, the actual letters going to  
8 Mylan that Mr. Blizzard talked to you about,  
9 that one letter that went out over your  
10 signature, do you remember that?

11 A Yes.

12 Q You said that even though that  
13 letter was dated April the 28th, you  
14 thought -- you didn't know the exact date it  
15 went out, and you thought it was a few days  
16 later; is that correct?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Do you, sitting here an hour later,  
19 do you remember when it went out precisely?

20 A I don't know the exact date. The  
21 letter that was in front of me today was the  
22 draft, and it didn't have a signature on it.

23 So in the case of the Digitek  
24 recall, we were working with a third party to

1 handle these recalls. So sometimes I would  
2 sign a document, and those letters didn't go  
3 out for a day or so because of the mailings.  
4 So I don't -- the day I signed it and the day  
5 it actually goes out may differ.

6 Q Would you think that the earliest  
7 that that April 28, 2008, letter to Mylan,  
8 that the earliest date it went from Actavis to  
9 Mylan would have been in the first week of  
10 May?

11 A I couldn't say.

12 Q If the letter were dated April  
13 the 28th, 2008, would you agree with me that  
14 the earliest it would have gone to Mylan was a  
15 few days later, according to your testimony,  
16 which would put it in the first week of May?

17 MR. DEAN: Objection.

18 Go ahead.

19 THE WITNESS: I -- I don't  
20 know, but I guess that's possible.

21 BY MR. PETTIT:

22 Q Is it likely?

23 A I could look at the dates. I mean,  
24 if April 28th was on a Thursday and May 1st

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1 was a Tuesday, it's possible.

2 MR. PETTIT: I'm going to mark  
3 this as 120.

4 (Plaintiff's Exhibit No. 120  
5 was marked for identification.)

6 BY MR. PETTIT:

7 Q Ms. Lambridis, I've shown you a  
8 document which I have marked as Exhibit 120.  
9 It has Bates No. UDLL004006, and it's three  
10 pages long.

11 Do you see that?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Now, this is, would you agree with  
14 me, a letter that's similar to Exhibit 113  
15 that Mr. Blizzard showed you, except that  
16 document had Xs on the sentence that says,  
17 quote: Actavis has distributed the subject  
18 lots from 3/1/06 through 4/24/08,  
19 quote/unquote.

20 Do you see where it says that on  
21 this exhibit?

22 A Yes, but that's not the only  
23 difference.

24 Q I'm not saying that it is.

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1 A Yes, yes.

2 Q I'm saying some of the Xs have been  
3 filled in; correct?

4 A Uh-huh.

5 Q When you look at this exhibit,  
6 Plaintiff's 120, does that seem to you to be  
7 the final draft?

8 A When I look at this document, I can  
9 tell you that it's a copy of the draft that we  
10 at Actavis prepared and it was modified to  
11 accommodate recalls done by Mylan.

12 Q Does that time period seem accurate  
13 to you that recall lots went from March 1,  
14 2006, to April 24, 2008?

15 A I can't say specifically to the  
16 exact dates, but that would reflect the  
17 two-year period. So when you're doing the  
18 recall, you would have to go back to --  
19 because it was for all lots, it would be any  
20 lots within expiry. So based on the dates  
21 with the two-year expiry, that would cover all  
22 lots manufactured in that time.

23 Q And just so the jury knows what that  
24 technical word "expiry" means --